

Home Show Coming May 4-5

A Grayling Home Show will be held Saturday and Sunday May 4-5 at the Hanson Hills Fred Bear Museum. Admission to the show is 50 cents a person and entry qualifies all persons for the Grand Prize drawing plus hourly prizes. The show will take place Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibitors can call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce for details.

'Don't Go With Strangers' Film at Legion

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 106 of Grayling is having a film on Friday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall called "Don't Go With Strangers".

The public is invited to attend. Bring your children. We urge the parents of elementary and middle school as well as pre-school to be there as it is a very informative film.

Trout Slot Size Limits Topic For Last of T.U. Winter Series

Jan Fenske, DNR fish biologist, will discuss trout slotting size limits on the AuSable mainstream at the last of the Trout Unlimited winter series meetings Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Chief Shoppenagons Hotel.

Bob Andrus, president of the George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited, said Fenske will talk about the completed slot size research project and the outlook for future slot regulations.

Little League Registration Apr. 13-20

The Grayling Little League will hold registration for the 1985 season on Saturday, April 13 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Council chambers at Grayling City Hall.

All boys and girls who plan on playing Little League baseball this year must register, even if they have played before.

To register you must be at least 8 years old by August 1, 1985, have a parent with you, and bring a non-returnable copy of your birth certificate.

Participation fee will not be collected at this time but will be collected by the coaches prior to the start of the season.

A reminder again that even if you have played before all boys and girls must register this year.

Booster Club Dinner April 20

The annual Grayling Booster Club Swiss Steak Dinner will be held 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Patti's Country House. Tickets are \$5 for an adult and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

Alaska Wilderness Fishing Featured Program at Fish Hatchery Dinner

Bernie Fowler will present a special program on Alaska Wilderness Fishing at the Grayling Fish Hatchery fish dinner Wednesday, April 24 at the Chief Shoppenagons Hotel.

Tickets are \$5.95 a person for the fish dinner. Tickets are available from Skip's Sport Shop, Wert's Lone Pine Inn, Josie's Flowers, Chief Shoppenagons Hotel, and RSVP at AuSagra Acres.

Las Vegas Night Offered At Hanson Hills April 27th

Hanson Hills will be offering a Las Vegas Night on Saturday, April 27, from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Black Jack, Beat the Dealer, and other games of chance will be played. Set-ups will be available and the food concession will be open. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door, which includes \$2.00 worth of chips.

Famous Wildlife Photographer To Close Grayling Series

The 12th Annual Travel and Adventure Series, sponsored by the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program will come to a close on Thursday evening, April 18, when they present Ron Shanin, one of the most famous of all wildlife photographers narrating in person his breathtaking film, High Adventure in Central Africa. Recently, Mr. Shanin's picture appeared on the cover of Performer Magazine, showing him inside a steel cage being tumbled about by a polar bear. Ron Shanin's wildlife photos have appeared in Life, Look, Newsweek and Sports Illustrated. He has supplied the U.S. Navy with films of poisonous snakes for their Global Medicine Program.

As they watch High Adventures in Central Africa, travelogue viewers will witness life in central Africa unrepresented in this area. The film will present a view of wildlife and tribes that could only be revealed by years of filming and a safari covering 50,000 miles of remote bush country.

High Adventure in Central Africa will be presented in Grayling's Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Thursday evening, April 18. The travelogue will begin at 7:30 and tickets will be available at the door.

Range Firing Conducted

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period 13 April 1985 thru 24 April 1985.

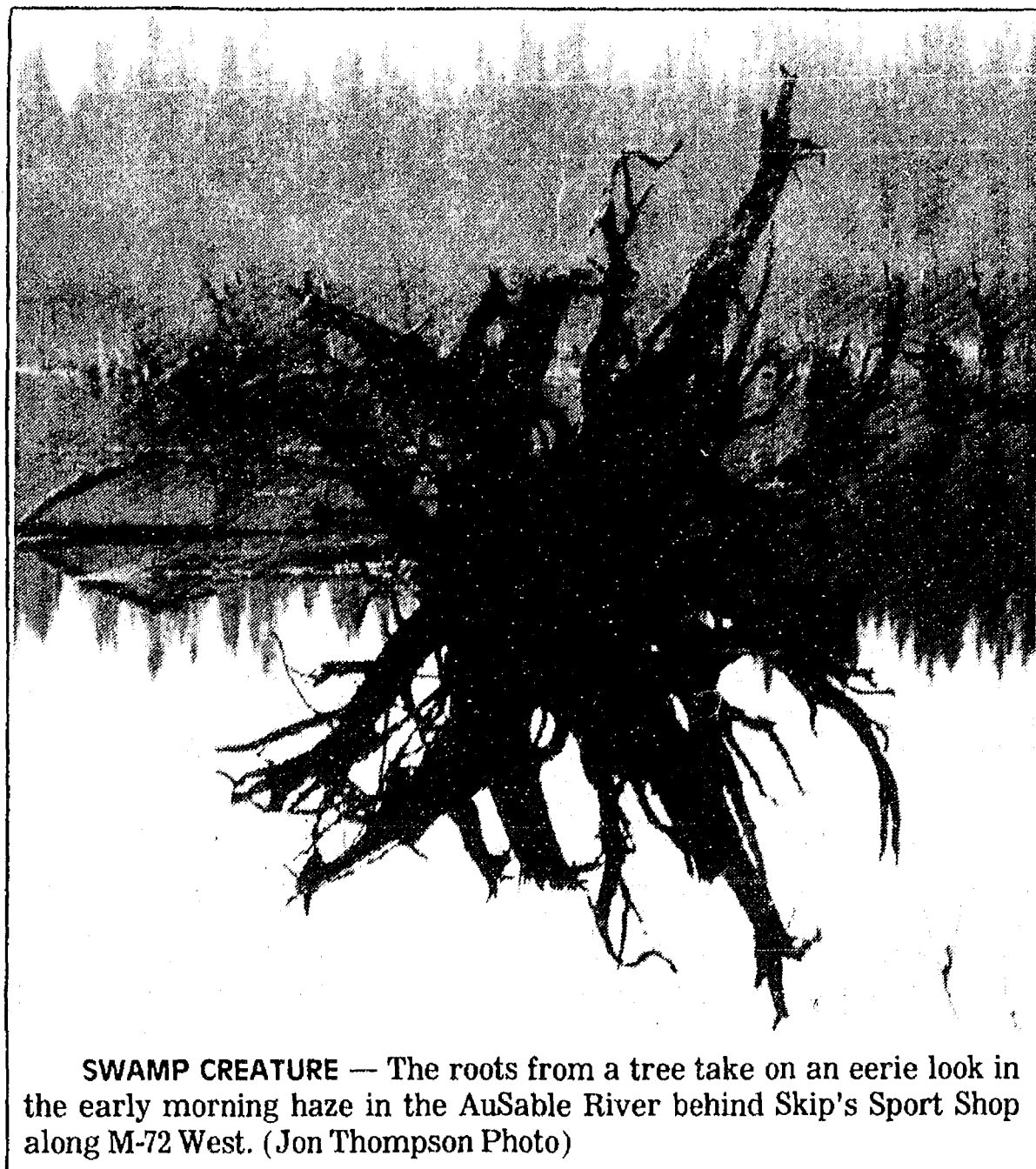
The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin at 8:00 am Daily and cease at 5:00 pm Daily.

The Range 30 Complex located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd, south of County Rd 612 and west of Damon Truck Trail. Firing will begin at 8:00 am (Daily) and cease at 11:30 pm (Daily).

The Range 40 Complex located north of County Rd 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618 and west of County Rd F97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin at 8:00 am (Daily) and cease at 11:30 pm (Daily).

The ranges will be closed to the public during these periods and all persons are warned to keep out of the areas identified.

Our Weather				
(Courtesy of Chuck Flick)				
Apr.	Hi	Lo	Snow	
9	34	9	1.0	
10	48	18	Banks	
11	52	20	Clear	
12	44	24	Cloudy	
13	66	33	Cloudy	
14	65	38	Rain	
15	72	40	Clear	



SWAMP CREATURE — The roots from a tree take on an eerie look in the early morning haze in the AuSable River behind Skip's Sport Shop along M-72 West. (Jon Thompson Photo)

Revenue Sharing Loss Could Cost County More Than \$200,000

By Jon Thompson

Crawford County could lose as much as 10 percent of its revenues next year. Federal revenue sharing, which will

bring in more than \$200,000 for the county in 1985, may be wiped out next year.

"Revenue sharing does not look good," Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley told county commissioners April 9 at their regular meeting. "This will be the last year for the revenue sharing program unless Congress renews it."

He said Michigan and national county associations believe the program will not be renewed, or, at best, it will be cut in half for 1986. For 1987, they feel there will be no federal revenue sharing.

If all the federal sharing is cut, Crawford County will lose more than \$200,000 in revenues — about 10 percent of its total budget.

In action at the April 9 meeting, commissioners hired Bill Borchers as the county equalization director beginning April 15 with a starting salary of \$19,000.

He will be on a three-month probation and his salary will be looked at after probation. Borchers has worked with the county nine years and is a Levell III assessor.

George Leas Turns 100

George Leas, who lives on Goose Creek Rd. just west of the Manistee River, turned 100 April 6th.

Leas, an Ohio native, trapped and hunted in Canada for more than 50 years before returning to live west of Grayling. At age 58 he was named Wolf King of Alberta Province for catching the most timber wolves (27) in one year. After Leas left Canada, his homestead was turned into a park commemorating his pioneer life in Canada.

Leas lives with his son George and has two daughters Martha and Ellen. His wife Susan Leas is deceased.

City to Pick Up in Spring Clean Up

City persons are requested to place all leaves, grass clippings and other material raked up during spring clean up in plastic bags and place them at curb side for pickup. We will be unable to pick up loose piles of such material until further notice. Residents are asked to place brush and tree limbs in neat piles at curb side and to call the city office to arrange pick-up.

All leaves, brush and other clean up debris should be kept in separate piles from bags of general household refuse to allow easier and more efficient pick-up.

Please call the City Office at 348-2131 for further information regarding disposal of specific items.

Thank you for your co-operation in creating a cleaner city.

Jerry W. Morford, City Manager

City of Grayling Begins Annual Spring Cleanup Program

The Grayling City Police Dept. is completing a survey of the Grayling residential and business areas regard unregistered, or junk vehicles, accumulated rubbish, and unsafe structures. This survey is in conjunction with the Grayling City Ordinances #72-3 (junk), and #22 (nuisance or unsafe structure), according to Pete Stephan, Grayling Chief of Police.

Survey results last year indicated a tremendous improvement over that of past years. Grayling residents are obviously becoming increasingly aware of Community pride. The City of Grayling would like to bring this improvement to the public awareness, also we would wish to express appreciation to residents for this improvement.

In advance of the Summer season, the Police Dept. again will be mailing correspondence to owners, or tenants of businesses, and private residents having questionable material accumulated on their property. Citizens are requested to cooperate jointly in this attempt, anyone wishing information as to methods for disposing of junk, or old vehicles, may contact the Grayling City Office (348-2131).

Brine Ban Effect Uncertain in Crawford

By Jon Thompson

A ban on using field oil brine on roads will not immediately affect the Crawford County Road Commission, which uses brine from mineral wells.

But John Keir, Crawford County Road Commission manager, says the County Road Association of Michigan is expecting another ban shortly that will include brine from mineral wells.

The current ban by the Department of Natural Resources stops use of field oil field brine for ice control. For summer use to control dust, the oil field brine will be phased out.

Beginning this July 1st, the field oil brine must be tested by the user to provide information on organics contained in the brine. If the brine contains less than one thousand parts per billion of organics Benzene (a known carcinogen), Toluene, or Xylene, it can still be used for dust control.

Beginning January 1st, 1986, the field oil brine must contain less than 800 hundred parts per billion of the organics.

Beginning January 1st, 1987, the field oil brine must contain less than 500 parts per billion of the organics.

After January 1st, 1988, no oil field produced brine will be allowed.

Steve Takacs, from the DNR regional office at Roscommon, said the field oil brine was banned as a protection against ground water contamination.

"We're trying to be conservative here," he said. "We don't know what it will do to the ground water."

Keir says the road commission uses their brine from mineral wells for dust control

and for ice control on primary and occasionally local roads.

He said brine has been used during winter primarily for economic reasons. Brine is cheaper than buying salt. The Crawford County Road Commission obtains their brine for winter and summer use from two wells, one well the road commission owns and the other it leases from the state of Michigan. The total cost for the brine is about \$5,000 yearly in maintenance costs for the two wells.

Keir said if the road commission had to switch to using more salt and sand instead of brine next winter, the additional salt might cost \$20,000. He said road crews can spread salt as fast as brine but spreading sand takes two to three times longer than spreading brine.

He said he could not estimate the cost of switching to another form of dust control right now, however, he said most of the alternatives are high-priced. Keir said the county tried using one alternative, calcium chloride, several years ago and the results weren't satisfactory.

The city of Grayling's use of brine has been declining steadily as more streets are paved in the city. Brine is used only for dust control in the city of Grayling.

City Manager Jerry Morford said the brine is not used anywhere it could get into the storm drainage system and consequently the river.

The city buys their brine from Northern Tank Company. If the city wants to use brine again this summer, Northern Tank Company must test the brine and provide proof the brine meets safety requirements.

School Board To Look At GMS Renovation

By Jon Thompson

The Crawford AuSable Board of Education, at their regular meeting Monday night, directed the Superintendent of Schools to start a planning process on a middle school renovation proposal for the board to consider at their May meeting.

Superintendent Kent Reynolds tentatively scheduled a series of public meetings for input on the renovation proposal. The first informational meeting will be held three times, once at the Grayling Middle School, once in Frederic, and once in Lovells. The information meeting will provide history on the middle school issue, needs of the district, renovation costs, and methods of funding. Persons attending the meetings will be asked for opinions about the issue. The dates of these three meetings will be published in the next issue of the Avalanche.

The second step will be a meeting May 6th in which alternatives for middle school renovation will be outlined.

The third step will be a May 7th meeting at which citizens make a final recommendation to go to the school board for their May meeting.

In other news from the April 15 board meeting, the Crawford AuSable School District learned it received a Golden Achievement Award from the National School Public Relations Association for their 1984-85 school calendar and information guide. The 1984-85 calendar was the first one put out by the school district and won a national award.

In other news, the board placed the selection of two board members in the annual June election as the only items on the ballot. Current board members Bill Morford and Roger Moshier will not be seeking reelection. The only two candidates filing petitions to have their names placed on the ballot for the two-year terms were Donna Lehto, of Lovells, and Rodney Lobsinger, of Grayling.



WIND DAMAGE — Dena Kolb looks over a huge pine damaged by strong winds at Hartwick Pines. Wendell Hoover, Hartwick Pines State Park Interpreter, says the winds on Saturday, April 6, felled one big pine. Losing a tree occasionally during a windstorm is natural, Hoover says. Sometimes they'll fall in strong winds and sometimes the high winds will apparently loosen the trees and a gentle breeze the next day may topple them.

(Chuck Kolb Photos)

PARK OPEN — Despite an abundance of snow on the ground at Hartwick Pines, as shown around the large pine above, the park is open to visitors and camping is available with pit toilets, hand water pumps, and electricity. The state park is open year-round and the modern toilet building is expected to be open April 27th for the summer season. Trails have been cleared already from limbs or trees downed in a recent windstorm and several large dead birches threatening to fall have been cut down.

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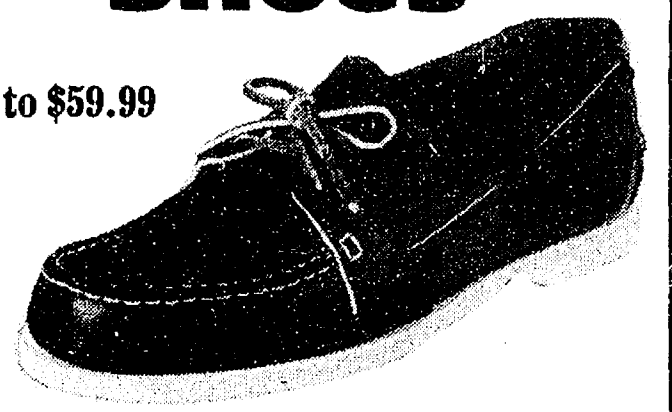
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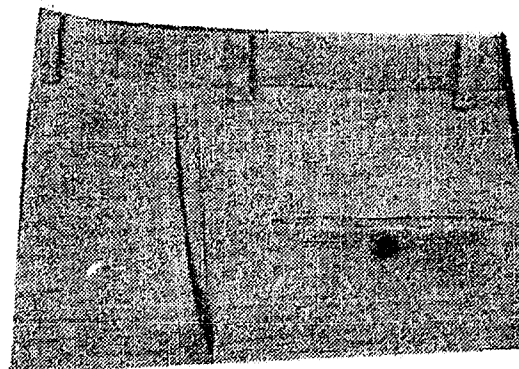
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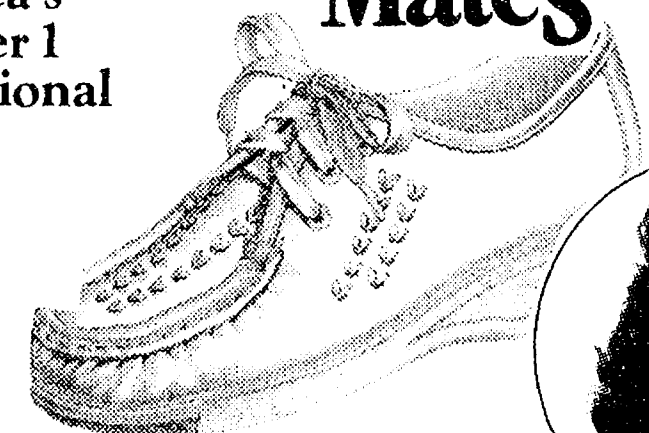
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From Our Corner...



This is one of those weeks again where we have been sitting here for about an hour just looking at ol' Smitty and nothing has even resembled anything of importance that has blossomed in this noggin of ours...the last few weeks have been relatively easy on the ol' fella, maybe because we weren't having to think about many other things...and then last week Jerry Morford helped out with the article about the AuSable that the author sort of gave Grayling an undeserved black eye...if the magazine "Michigan Out-of-Doors" does print some sort of retraction to the article we would like to see it...

Maybe we will just try to hit on the some bits and pieces to help fill this turkey for this week...

We can't write about the weather now...it finally looks like we are going to get out of the doldrums of old man winter at last...temperature is trying to hit 60...it was only 90 in Vegas Sunday...

We don't know how the Tigers made out Sunday afternoon at Kansas City but, up til then the Tiger fans had something to cheer about as their favorite team started out just like last year as they won their first four games...the problem is, is that Boston and Baltimore in the same division had done it also...oh well, it's a long summer but, right now our staff writer Jon Thompson is already picking them to repeat as World Champs...like we said, it's a long summer...

I guess we shouldn't have gone out west at the time we did, that is because we missed this year's Rotary Club's Minstrel Show...for the past two Wednesdays when we have been having lunch with George Pamerleau, Lamont Hamlin and Dick Raab at the Hotel, Irvin has joined us after he gets through with the Rotary Club meeting and all he has talked about is what a fantastic show we missed by being away...it looks like we will have to check when next year's show will be and work our visit to Vegas so we won't miss it...Irv also seems to have a few choice jokes on hand just to lay on us...

We hope everyone made the deadline on April 15th...we just did, and that's all...if there is anything that really perturbs me is when I read in the papers about how little taxes the big corporations and individuals with piles of money pay into the government on income taxes...guess it must be that the IRS has got the little man frightened on what they may do if you don't pay up, while the money people just laugh at them and say try and get it...it is frustrating for us peons though...

Our Buckeye family was going to be here this past weekend seeing as how they got stormed out with the blizzard we had on Saturday before Easter but, this time the chicken pox boo-boo took over and came and visited T.J. so they couldn't make it...

Although I can't find anything on the calendar about it being Spring it must be close...our neighbor across the street, Sky Gibson, was out Saturday working on his rose bushes that produce beautiful roses during the summer...he really puts alot of time and effort in them but, he is rewarded with its outcome...and besides it makes it nice for us to look across the street at them...

An idle thought...geez it used to be nice to run over to Traverse for a weekend to visit T.J., Stefany and family and now it's a three-day weekend to visit them...the ol' fella must be getting lonesome...and we just seen them a couple weeks ago...

This about takes care of this turkey...hope we didn't put you to sleep with it...maybe something earth shaking will happen to the ol' fella so we can pass it on...now we will bid T.J., Stefany and Amber goodnight, and to all of our readers, have a nice weekend, spring it seems is upon us...

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

23 Years Ago April 19, 1962

Mr. and Mrs. James Parkinson of Roscommon have a daughter, Sheila Jo, born April 10th weighing 8 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Morency and Mrs. Claude Parkinson are grandparents.

Margrethe and Olga Nielsen returned home Friday after spending three months in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Rev. R.C. Puffer was a visitor in Grayling Friday.

Kay Jansen, daughter of the Don Jansens, was confirmed at the Grayling Evangelical Lutheran church Palm Sunday. Afterwards family and friends gathered at the Jansen home for dinner, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. William Horn, Mrs. Richard Peters and Kathleen, the John Lists and three children, all of Saginaw, the Charles and Wilfred Jansen families of Roscommon, the Glen Nolans and Barbara Crouch of Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hartman of Flint visited the Verne Hartmans over the weekend.

The baton-twirling group known formerly as the Vikingettes has changed its name to the Twilight Twirlers. Miss Candy Pond provided the name, chosen from many suggested ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fenton were hosts to the Junior Play cast, director, helpers and their dates, numbering forty in all, following the presenting of the play Friday night. They served turkey and tuna sandwiches made with homemade bread, potato salad, cake, homemade doughnuts, and all the pop anyone could drink, until the small hours. Two weeks ago on Thursday, Miss Carole Gross entertained the members of the cast and friends numbering seventeen at her home, to watch the late, late TV show which was the same show the Juniors presented, "Mother is a Freshman." They made it a potluck snack party.

Miss Jean Portwood, daughter of the Clarence Holcombs, has been named Valedictorian of the Senior Class of 1962, Grayling High School. Jean earned this honor with her scholastic average of 3.84. Lacey Stephan, Jr., son of the senior Lacey Stephens of rural Grayling, has been named Salutatorian. He has maintained a class average of 3.71. The Grayling High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Roy Milnes, brought home the highest rating possible from the District Glee Club Festival held at the Oscoda High school Saturday, April 7th.

46 Years Ago April 20, 1939

Miss Agda Johnson is spending several days visiting at the home of her brother, Sigurd and family, in Saginaw.

Mrs. Willard Harwood and children spent Sunday in West Branch and accompanied Bob Tiffin home, who had been visiting there for the past week.

Wilhelm Raae returned home last week from his annual sojourn in Texas. He looks as though he had spent much time on the golf course, he is so tanned. Sixteen friends of Mr.

and Mrs. Ernest Hoesli surprised them Saturday evening by bringing a pot luck dinner and spending the evening with them. Contract bridge followed the dinner, with honor scores going to Mrs. Stanley Stealy and Mr. Carl Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leng returned to Frederick Saturday from across the Straits. They had been smelt fishing and had very good luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Failing are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Linda Lou, born to them at their home Friday, April 14th.

Among those attending the Tiger-White Sox baseball game in Detroit Tuesday were James Post, Gerald Herrick, Gordon Pond, Wilson Gierke, George Fairfield and Dr. and Mrs. Clipper.

Miss Ingeborg Hanson was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when several of her friends dropped in, in a group, to wish her a happy birthday.

Mrs. Harley Russell resigned her position as stenographer at the Kerry and Hanson Flooring Co., a position which she has held for the past 21 years. She has enrolled in the Teresa Manion Academy of Beauty of Traverse City for a nine months course, after which she will assist her husband in his business.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Heric and daughter Patricia Hope returned Saturday from Muskegon and Tawas City following a week's visit. On Saturday morning they attended the wedding of Mrs. Heric's sister Helen, who became the bride of Mr. Walter Burcon at St. Michael's Church in Muskegon.

69 Years Ago April 20, 1916

Miss Emma Sherman of Maple Forest has accepted a position to teach in the Sergeant District School in Markey Township, near Roscommon, commencing her duties Monday.

Miss Odie Sheehy spent a part of this week visiting Miss Irene LaSprance in Bay City.

Arthur Karpus spent vacation week in Bay City visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Powell arrived Monday from Cleveland and expect to spend a couple of weeks in this city opening their summer home at Portage Lake.

Mrs. C.T. Jerome and Mrs. C.A. Canfield have been spending a few days in Bay City.

Miss Isa Granger was hostess to a very pretty birthday party Saturday afternoon. Games were played after which the hostess served a delicious luncheon.

Niels Mortenson arrived last week from New York and expects to make his home in this city.

Misses Marguerite Husted & Martha Stillwagon of West Branch are enjoying their Easter vacation visiting relatives at Lovells.

Robert Papenfus has resigned his position on the Fruit Farm and will now work his own land. David Isbester and wife arrived from Winnipeg, Ont. and will succeed Mr. Papenfus as foreman on the Fruit Farm.

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The Bible Speaks

From Calvary Baptist Church

SEX SICK SOCIETY

Public school boards in Oklahoma have been forbidden from firing public school teachers who teach homosexuality to their students. The U.S. Supreme Court left standing the decision of a 10th U.S. Circuit Court which struck down an Oklahoma law which permitted public schools to fire any teacher who advocated, promoted or encouraged public or private homosexual activity in a way likely to "come to the attention of school children or school employees."

A U.S. District Judge removed the penalty from a new porno law recently passed by the Michigan legislature and signed into law by Gov. Blanchard. The judge removed the teeth from the law before it could go into effect saying the penalty provisions "are so disproportionate as to constitute cruel and unusual punishment." The judge seems to have so much compassion and concern for money grabbing smut peddlers who prey upon the sick sex perverts of our corrupted society.

What is it going to take to awaken God-fearing, Bible-believing, sin-hating Christians from our apathy? How many more scandals involving sexual abuse of small children must be reported? How many of our school children must be turned into homosexuals? How many million more babies must be murdered by abortion? How much above 50% must the divorce rate climb? How much more damage must liberal anti-christs do to erode the moral and economic structure of our nation? Must we wait until liberal Humanists sell our freedoms for Communist slavery? How long will religious people listen to liberal snakes who have crawled behind church pulpits to spew forth with forked tongue precepts which undermine God's Holy Scriptures?

While we must all love

every soul of man for what it could be in Christ Jesus, it is time for us to reveal our hatred of Satan and sin! It is time for us to rise up in righteous indignation, and denounce sin with a holy passion!

God's words to Ezekiel the prophet are appropriate: "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand. Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel. Thus speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Ezekiel 33:8,10,11. Since God did not spare His people Israel from judgment, how much less will He spare the United States of America if we do not repent of our sins? Pastor Barnett

KCC Sponsors Crime Course

An Advanced Crime Scene Investigation Course will be held Sunday through Tuesday, April 21 through 23, at McGuire's Motor Inn in Cadillac. The course is co-sponsored by Northern Counties Evidence Services and Kirtland Community College.

The course is a comprehensive program concentrating on the practical aspects of homicide investigation, stressing tactics, procedures and forensic techniques. Cost of the program is \$75 per law enforcement officer.

For further information, contact Vahan Kapagian, Director of Law Enforcement at Kirtland at 517/275-5121.

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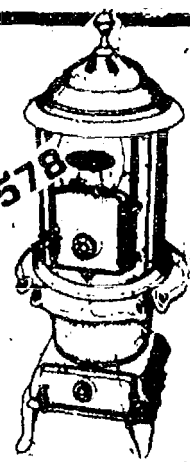
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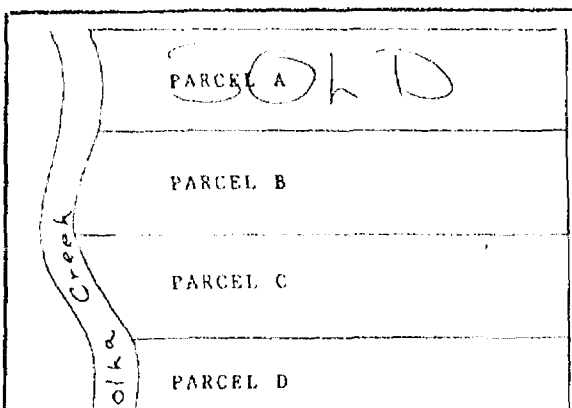


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HOME FOR RENT - M-72 West, one mile from town, 348-8358. -4/18f-

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Apr. 16 - Esther Hall
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Apr. 18 - Edith Johnson
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RN HELP WANTED - Part time position for Registered Nurse to work on contract hourly basis in Home Health Program with District One Health Dept. - Crawford County. Applicant preference to Crawford County Residents. Must have car. For interview submit resume to Dist. One Health Dept., Courthouse, Grayling 49738 no later than April 20, 1985. -4-11-18-

PIANO SERVICE - Leave orders for piano tuning at Avalanche office or call or write Akins Pianos, 620 S.E. 4th St., Clare, MI. 48617. Phone 386-9879. -10/11f-

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Grayling's Centennial book has had another printing due to the numerous requests received for same. Copies are available for \$6.00 from the Crawford County Avalanche Office, Cornell Realty, Rochette's Party Store. For mail orders add \$1.00 for postage & handling. -7/24f-

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SUNDAY 7 P.M. - 11 P.M.
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-9/25f-

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN
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CALL BETTY MANSFIELD, Welcome Wagon Hostess, 348-8562 if you are a new-comer, engaged or have a new baby. -11/29f-

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-2/21f-

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POSITION OPEN - for Full Time nursery school teacher at Grayling Cooperative Nursery School. Please send resume including college credits to P.O. Box 349, Grayling, MI 49738. -11-18-

LOG SPLITTER & ROTO-TILLER For Rent, ProMart Home Center, Ph. 348-2931. -4/11f-

FOR SALE - 1973 Midas 10 x 30 - 5th wheel travel trailer. Ph. 517-826-3918. -11-18-

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FOR SALE — 3 Wheeler Honda 200-X, \$1350.00; (4) 10-15 Land-Trac tires, brand new, \$225.00; Also roll bar for small truck, \$100.00. Phone 348-9344. -18-

MEXICAN BUFFET — Grayling Holiday Inn, Wed. Nights during April. For more info call 348-7611. -4-11-18-25-

HELP WANTED — Government jobs. \$15,000-\$50,000/yr. possible. All occupations. Call 1-805-687-6000 Ext. R-6352 to find out how. -L/R 6/6

SPOUSE ABUSE SUPPORT GROUP
 Wednesday 1:00 - 3:00
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FOR SALE — '71 Chevy Pick-up, runs good, \$350.00 or Best Offer. Call 348-8105. -11-18-

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 ALL TYPES GROOMED
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 Night MEXICAN BUFFET
 Grayling Holiday Inn. For more info call 348-7611. -4-11-18-25-

WANTED — Person experienced in medical — medical billing, some book-keeping. Experience desirable, those without experience need not apply. \$4.25 per hour, send resume to Administration, P.O. Box 888, Grayling, MI 49738. -11-18-

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FOR SALE — A-Jay weight bench complete with weights & leg lift, also extra set of weights, 348-3165 -11-18-

FOR SALE — 18 ft. aluminum deep V boat, \$500.00; Evinrude 50 motor, \$500.00; trailer, \$100.00 or all for \$800.00, Call Dale 348-2261. -11-18-

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 Large Parking Lot
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 Most shrubs - dig your own price - still only \$3.95 each - including an arbutus Mugho Pine, Junipers, Arborvitae, etc. SPECIAL PRICES on all Spruce, including the blues. THIS IS THE TIME to dig Birch, Maple, Mt. Ash, etc. Potted fruit, flowering Grabs, Lilacs & many others at low prices. Open every day 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located 8 mi. north of Roscommon on Old M-76. Turnbound I-75 take 244 mile exit, turn left to blinker then right for 3 miles. Southbound I-75 take 251 mile exit follow Old M-76 signs South for 4 miles.
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GARAGE SALE

MOVING SALE — Furniture, toys, children's, men's and women's clothing, household appliances, weight bench, much more. Everything must go. Thursday thru Sunday 10 to 5. Everything 1/2 price Sunday. 707 Chestnut, Grayling. -18-

A.A.L. RUMMAGE SALE
 April 26 - 27
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
 N. 27 at M-93
 Proceeds to go to the David Zavasky family -18-25-

YARD SALE — Weather permitting, April 20 and 21, 10 to 4. Old 27, Pine Oak Apartments. Clothes, household and misc. items. -18-

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GARAGE SALE — April 19, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., April 20 & 21, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Located at 400 Ingham St., next to Jolly Redskin Canoe Livery. Lots of good stuff. -18-

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LOOKING TO RENT — Single 25 year old professional looking for small house, mobile home or apartment within 5 miles of town. References available, please call 348-6171 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., ask for Pete. -11-

HELP WANTED — Excellent income for part time home assembly work. For info call 312-741-8400 ext. 100. -18-

APARTMENT FOR RENT — above Grayling Vision Center. \$150.00 per month plus gas. Call 348-2833 between 9 & 5. -18-

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FOR SALE — 1984 Dodge Colt hatchback, AM/FM cassette, F/W drive, 40 mile per gal., \$5500.00, call after 5, 348-3188. -18-

FOR SALE — 30 volume encyclopedia, \$25.00; Regency scanner, \$30.00; ladies Brunswick bowling ball, bag, & size 8 shoes, \$10.00, 348-7208. -18-

FOR RENT — 1 bedroom, unfurnished upstairs apartment 2 blocks from downtown, refrigerator, stove & utilities included, \$250.00 per month plus security deposit, adults only. Call 348-5511. -18-25-

WANTED — Nurse seeks 2-3 bedroom house to rent, as soon as possible, Grayling area, no children, call 826-3420 between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. -18-

FOR RENT JUNE 15
 Applications now being taken for a 3 bedroom home, full basement, 2 car attached garage, natural gas heat, in city with nice shaded double lot, free garbage pick-up, close to shopping and schools. No Pets. Contact Janet Dies after 6 p.m. (517) 348-8808. \$275.00 a month, plus utilities. (Deposit and References Required). -18-

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HOUSE FOR SALE — By Owner 2 miles from Grayling, 4 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, large country kitchen, 2 fireplaces, full basement, 2 car garage, \$67,500. Call 348-7058 after 6:00 p.m. -18-25-2-9-

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MUST SELL — Sanyo AM/FM stereo with cassette and turntable, Remington .22 cal. rifle with scope, G.E. CB Walkie Talkie with 3 channel capability. Call 348-5040. -18-

WANT TO LOSE — 10 to 29 excess pounds before the hot summer. I have the weight program for you! 100% guaranteed, 348-9888 -18-25-2-9-

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FOR SALE — Couch & Chair, full size beds, small drop leaf kitchen table, BW TV, small tables, assorted chairs, saw, V.W. II items, Bayonet, 45 holster, M-8 barrel case, etc.; tanned deer hides, tent, propane camp stove, some collectables, 348-7507. -18-

MILLTOWN MARINE — Sylvan, Johnson, OMC parts & accessories, sales, service, storage. Open for the season Friday, April 19th. Hours 9 to 5 Monday thru Saturday, 2887 Grayling Ave., 348-9116. -18-

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT For Rent. Call 348-8868 after 4:00 p.m. -18-

Applications For Scholarships

The Educational Committee of the Grayling Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is accepting applications for scholarships. Scholarships up to \$500.00 will be available for tuition and books for college or other post-secondary education. Applicants must be women residents of Crawford County who are seeking either a business or professional career. Application forms are available from Kathy Parkinson at 348-8880. Applications need to be turned in by Tuesday, April 30, 1985.

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go."
 Psalm 32:8a

Calling All Area Artists

Grab your brushes, pens, pencils, potter's wheels, whittling knives, glass cutters, whatever, and start getting ready for the Thunder Bay Art Show. The art show is to be held July 20 & 21, 1985 in beautiful downtown Alpena, Mich.

Applications for the show are now available at the Chamber of Commerce, Jesse Besser Museum, Paperworks, Timberline Frame Shop and Country Cupboard Shop, and through Shirley Ritzler (310 W. Mirre, Alpena, MI 49707).

Get busy, send in an application, and get set to join the summer fun. Deadline for applications is June 30, 1985.

Editor's Mailbox

Marjorie Swantek, Adjutant
 Gaylord-Alpine DAV Chapter 98
 207 N. Hazel Ave.
 Gaylord, MI 49735
 Ph. 732-4917

Gaylord-Alpine Disabled American Veterans Chapter 98 will host the 1985 Disabled American Veterans Van Tour Mobile Field Service Unit on Tuesday, April 23, 1985 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Glen's Market and Family Center, Alpine Plaza, Gaylord, Michigan.

Drivers are Donald R. Crull and Frank C. Krolezyk. They will bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of veterans affairs and service.

There are many changes taking place in the administration of veterans benefits. To assure that Veterans, their wives and families do not miss out on benefits that might be due them, we encourage you to stop by our DAV Van, when it is in Gaylord.

This is your opportunity for presenting your questions and getting answers to them. Bring other disabled veterans with you. We will also be recruiting new members.

Marjorie Swantek, Adjutant
 DAV Chapter 98

Women's Aglow

The Grayling Women's Aglow are very much looking forward to their April meeting which will be held Saturday, April 20 at St. Mary's fellowship hall on Spruce Street. The meeting will begin at 9:30 with refreshments, after which the ladies will join in song and worship from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Our special speaker this month will be Lois Baker from Oscoda, who has ministered not only in the United States but Europe as well. Mrs. Baker ministers the word of God with a warmth and humor which all of our women are certain to enjoy.

After this special time of ministry, the ladies will be enjoying a salad luncheon which will begin at 12 Noon. Each lady is asked to bring a salad to pass and her own table service.

Special times such as this bring tremendous blessing and help to our area women and all are encouraged to attend.

W.I.F. News

Our Easter Egg Hunt held April 4th at the Frederic Elem. school, was enjoyed by the children, teachers and W.I.F. members. Each child received something. Our Easter baskets were won by the following: Pre-school - Morgan Vollmer, morning Kindergarten; Patty Meoak, afternoon Kindergarten; Benji Sawade, 1st grade; Christopher Klee, 2nd grade; Joshua Cox and 3rd grade, Kenny Wood.

We also appreciate the donations we received from the Frederic Baptist Church, Newberry's Store, Timberline, Cooper's Store, The Frederic Inn, AuSable Woodworking Co., Cerelli's Herb Farm & Spice Shop, Wendy's and McDonald's. Also H.C. Wildfang & Sons, Dairy Queen, Hotsy Cleaning Systems, Elias Brothers, Pizza Hut, Goodale's Bakery, M.D.A., and the Frederic Fire Dept.

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KCC Features Art Exhibit

The Kirtland Community College Foundation will be hosting an art exhibition, featuring the works of Mrs. Shirley Catsman (Higgins Lake), from April 27th to May 3rd, in the Kirtland Library.

Mrs. Catsman's works have been exhibited in the Flint area and at the Teatro Amazonas in Manaus, on the Amazon River. She has also been featured in art related programs on television in South America and Singapore.

She and her husband, Raymond, travel extensively, and her art works reflect this. Her nature scenes and portraits are generated from subjects in China, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Manaus.

While in Singapore, Shirley made a study of the almost forgotten legends and folklore of the Peranakan people, who are a blend of Chinese and Malay. As she became more interested, she began a series of paintings illustrating the legend of Singa Pura, a strange beast with the head of a lion, a body covered with fish scales, and a tail like that of a fish. She is now working on illustrations of other legends.

Mrs. Catsman spent four years at the Academy of Arts and Crafts in Detroit, studying design and oil painting under Sarkis Sarkison and John Carroll. She has also studied ceramics under Svea Kline, of the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

The Kirtland Community College Foundation's Art Exhibit will be open from 1-10 p.m. during the week, and from 1-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

City Council Proceedings

Regular meeting of the City Council held March 26, 1985. Meeting called to order by Mayor Thompson at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Latuszek, Sloan, Thompson, Sabin. Members absent: Golicnik.

Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager; Kay Ellen Junttila, A. Donald Sorenson, Gloria Stephan, Peter W. Stephan, Dennis Long, Judy Long, Don Geiss, Mary Harland, Maxine Geiss, John Wilcox, Loren Goodale Jr.

Motion by Sloan, supported by Sabin that the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 1985 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. Don Geiss informed Council of a press release coming out regarding the Social Service Director of Grayling being promoted to Traverse City. It will take a month or so for a new director to be hired.

Don Geiss also thought Council would be interested in the \$48,000.00 grant the county is going to receive to run a pre-natal home for unwed mothers on Jones Lake Road.

Communications were received and noted. City Treasurers February Finance Report. Several questions were asked by Council members regarding the finance report which were written down. Mr. Morford answered the ones he was familiar with and will have the rest of the answers at the next meeting.

M.M.L. Federal Information Bulletin. Grayling Beautification Committee Minutes. Mayor Thompson re: Howard Moggo Day on March 29, 1985.

From M.M.L. re: Stationery. Council agreed to add Member of M.M.L. when ordering new stationery.

Michigan State Police re: Office Renovations. Latuszek is in favor of carpeting. Mr. Thompson is in favor of new windows, will wait until Gene Rauch returns to work at City Hall and he can get prices on the various projects that need to be done.

Crawford County Transit Authority re: Minutes of Meeting of February 20, 1985. Several questions were asked and a general discussion was held.

Old Business. Cobble Creek Apartments Phase II. Mr. Morford updated Council on progress of this project and needs for road construction standards for portion of Knight Street. Mr. Sabin asked questions regarding specifications which Mr. Morford answered. Groundwater Discharge Permit Status for the sewage lagoon was reviewed by Mr. Morford. He will be meeting with D.N.R. officials, city engineers and others in the near future to proceed with plans for needed improvements.

New Business. Fourth of July plans were discussed with Council with particular attention to the city liability and insurance needs. There will be a separate insurance policy for fireworks starting next year. There have been many concerns stated from the Booster Club and the Fire Department regarding liability. There is an insurance man coming to Grayling on March 27th to inspect the fireworks site. A decision of some sort should be made by the April meeting. Mr. Sabin suggested a committee from the City, County, Township, Fire Department and Booster Club to recommend what to do regarding the 4th of July fireworks. Mr. Morford to co-ordinate with the other departments and report to Council.

Motion by Sloan, supported by Thompson that the Budget Study Session scheduled for April 15, 1985 be changed to Monday, May 6, 1985. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Reports of City Manager. Mr. Morford reported on the following:

City Compensation Minutes. D.P.W. Worker Thomas Brooks. Exam is to be set up by the Insurance Co. There have been two people who have fallen on sidewalks this year.

A letter was read from the Crawford County Fair Committee. Copies of percentages for helping in the budget session were passed out.

Mr. Morford working on list of questions from Special Meeting. We can get decals from "Other Place", 6" x 9" decals run \$1.08 each plus a \$40.00 set up price. Minimum order of 125. Council agreed to order.

One Cemetery Meeting has been held. Another one is to be held regarding rules and rates.

50th Anniversary in May. Plans to be started soon.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1985 there is to be a luncheon for Larry Hunter at the Holiday Inn from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for everyone who wishes to attend.

Reports of Councilmen. Ms. Latuszek asked about a conflict of interest if a councilman also became city attorney. Mr. Sabin said yes there would be in his opinion.

Mr. Sabin asked about the procedure manual for the city. Develop new policies for the police department. Mr. Sabin will work with Peter Stephan.

Mr. Sabin gave a general discussion on several House Bills. Adjournment.

Motion by Sloan, supported by Thompson that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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Hal Walker Dies in Florida

Word received at the Avalanche on Monday, April 15, that Mr. Hal Walker passed away in Florida, on Saturday, April 13. A memorial will be held at a later date.

Par For The Course

Grayling Country Club members mark May 4 on your calendar, it's the night of the big opening dinner party and dance. A chance to meet and talk with all your golfing buddies that you haven't seen all winter because they migrated south, east or west.

Tickets will be available at the club house on opening day, April 19 for club members and their invited guests. Please get your tickets early so we will know how many to plan for. You will also be receiving a phone call so please keep this in mind. Any questions call 348-5383.

Ladies don't forget Tues., April 23 is our organizational meeting night. Let's support our new President Barb Nielson. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the club house.



SHAKESPEARE — Susan Prause, of Grayling, (right) a Central Michigan University senior, will perform the role of Madam Flora in Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." The University Theatre production is set in the "Wild West" and will be presented April 11-14 in CMU's Bush Theatre. (CMU Photo by Peggy Brisbane)

Hospital News

Persons admitted to Mercy Hospital this past week include Brunette Harden, and Sarah Frank of Roscommon. Daniel Hivley, Doris Williams, Charity Brown, Lillian Bretzloff, Joan Peters, and Christine Decker of Grayling.

Those discharged include: Charity Brown, Carrie Bush and baby, Mary Shires, and Doris Williams of Grayling, also Mary Bundas, and Brunette Harden of Roscommon.

Douglas and Barbara Pavlovich of Roscommon, are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Daniel Joseph on April 6, 1985. Daniel weighed 8 lbs. 2 3/4 ozs.

William and Candy Kendall of Mio, are the proud parents of a son, William Munson Jr., born April 8, 1985. William weighed 8 lbs. 1 1/2 ozs.

Gregory and Carrie Bush of Grayling, are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Andrew James, born on April 9, 1985. Andrew weighed 9 lbs.

Roger and Kimberly Crandall of Mio, announce the arrival of their son, Steven Dale, born April 9, 1985. He weighed 9 lbs. and was 21 inches long.

Gary and Michelle Spies of Lewiston, announce the birth of their son on April 9, 1985. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

CARD OF THANKS

A special thanks to all my friends and neighbors who sent cards and prayed for me during my recent stay in the hospital. God bless all of you.

May C. Armstrong

A.A.R.P. to Meet

The Crawford County Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold their April meeting on Monday, the 22nd, at the Commission on Aging office located within the Grayling Housing Project.

There will be a board meeting at 1 p.m. and the regular meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m.

Angela Kirkum has an interesting program planned and Jean Smith will be the speaker. There will be refreshments and visitors are welcome.

Frances Olsen
Publicity

Pat Thomas Named Director of Field Services

Pat Thomas, of Grayling, has been appointed Director of Field Services Administration for the Michigan Dept. of Social Services. The administration has operational responsibility for 136 local office sites located through the state, and is the largest within the dept., employing 10,200, of the agency's 13,400 employees.

Mrs. Thomas was formerly the director of Social Services from 1978-1981, she was then appointed zone manager, in Traverse City, responsible for 9 counties, on the western side of the state, from 1981-1984. Pat was appointed Deputy Director of Field Services in February, 1984, and acting director in August, 1984. Her permanent appointment was effective February 17, 1985.

Although Mrs. Thomas' work site is in Lansing, she plans to retain her permanent residence in Grayling.

Commission On Aging Menu

Dinners are served Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday and Friday at 12:00 Noon. Make your dinner reservations for the evening meal by 11:00 a.m., or by 9:30 a.m. for the noon meal. Call 348-7123 or 348-8031.

The meals are served within the Grayling Housing Facility, 308 Lawndale Drive, and the Community is welcome to attend.

Regardless of income, persons over 60 years, or their spouse is over 60, can eat for a \$1.35 donation. All dinners include roll or bread, butter, coffee, tea or milk.

Mon., Apr. 22 - Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, Stewed Tomatoes, Lima Bean Salad, Peaches, Grape Juice.

Tues., Apr. 23 - Chili, Lettuce Salad, Mixed Fruit, Papaya Juice.

Wed., Apr. 24 - Salmon Patties, Hash Browns, Creamed Cauliflower, Orange/Grapefruit Salad, Blueberry Pie, V-8 Juice.

Thurs., Apr. 25 - Chicken Supreme, Biscuits, Peas, Beet Salad, Butterscotch Pudding, Tomato Juice.

Fri., Apr. 26 - Roast Turkey, Sauerkraut Stuffing, Yams, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Salad, Pineapple Cake, Apple Juice.

Dorothy MacArthur Dies April 6th

Dorothy MacArthur, 75, of Flint, died Saturday, April 6, 1985, at McLaren General Hospital. She and her husband, Ivan MacArthur, have owned a large tract of land between Frederic and Grayling along the AuSable for more than 30 years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 10, at St. Paul's Episcopal with Rev. Peter Jacobson and Dr. Donald McFarren officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. MacArthur was born in Alpena June 3, 1909, and had been a resident of Flint the last 49 years. She married Ivan May 23, 1936 at St. James Church in Birmingham. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Flint Institute of Music for which the Auditorium is named in their honor, honorary member of St. Cecilia Society, member of the Flint Institute of Arts, P.E.O. the Detroit Club. She and her husband were sponsors of the College and Cultural Development Fund. She was honorary Chairman of the 1985 Lincoln Day Dinner for the Genesee County Republican Party and was Past Chairman of the Board of the Y.W.C.A.

Surviving are: husband, Ivan A. MacArthur; 2 daughters, Mrs. Frederick W. (Gloria) VanDyne of Flint and Mrs. Elaine Hagerman of Troy; 10 grandchildren, Douglas and Stephen Hagerman, Mrs. Douglas (Dorothy) DeValk, Amy Hagerman, Mrs. Richard (Kimberly) Skaff, Alexander VanDyne, Mrs. Robert (Jennifer) Bieri, Bethany, Cynthia and Abigail VanDyne; 4 great-granddaughters; several nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Dodds-Dumanois Co. Funeral Home, 901 Garland St.

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The complete modification is available for review at Northeast Michigan Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, MI 49765. Questions or comments should be addressed to Marianne Moran, 517-733-8548.

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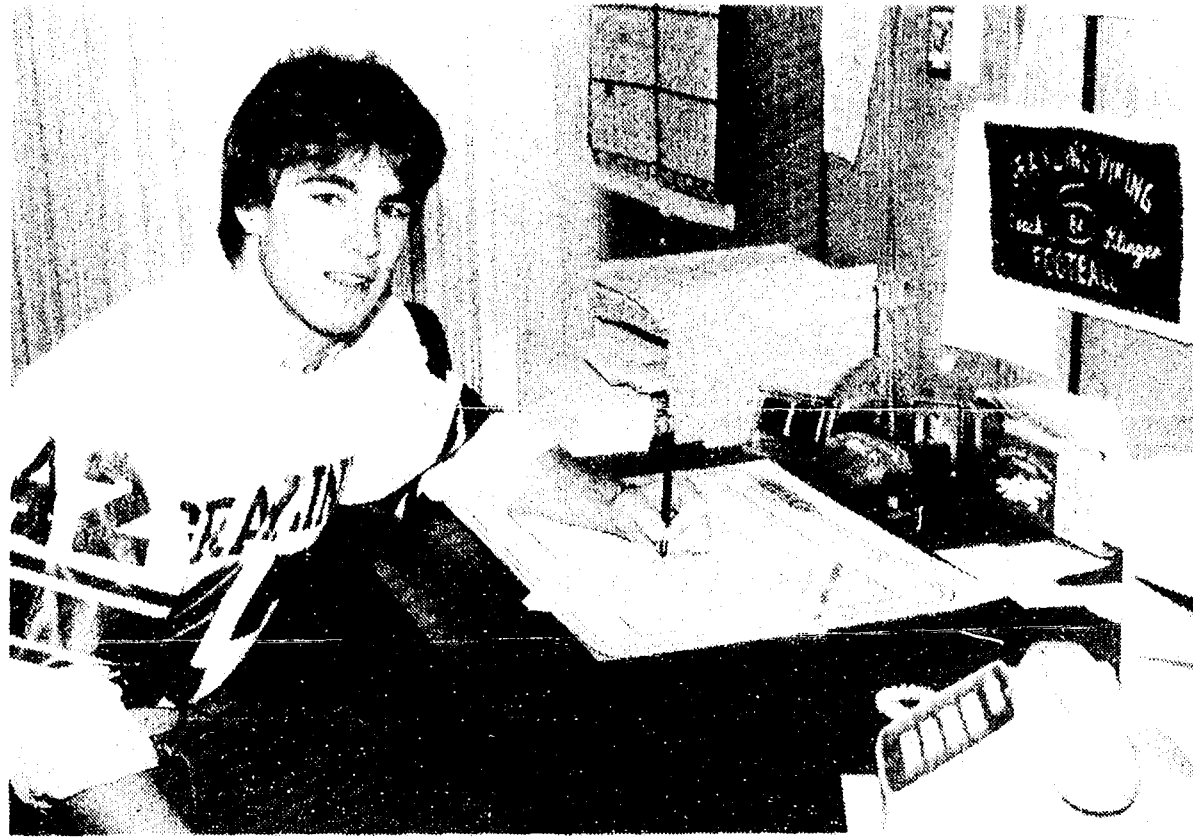
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WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Rod Patterson, honorable All-State Class C linebacker, signed a letter of intent to play football next season at Hillsdale. Patterson, a captain for the Vikings, led the team in tackles two straight years. Hillsdale, who made it to the NAIA national finals recently, have offered Patterson a scholarship to attend college there. (Jon Thompson Photo)



AND THE GAME goes on — the game of switching political parties.

The impending relocation of William Lucas — the first elected executive of Wayne County and former Wayne County sheriff — from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party has received more press attention in Michigan than any political event in some time.

Lucas is playing a canny public attention game. The second shoe will drop when he finally gets in the race for governor — Republican style. And in the meantime, he will receive continuing press and public attention.

Thus his name, if not his credentials, will receive the recognition boost he needs in non-Detroit areas to make a serious bid for governor.

Very cagey campaign, indeed.

LUCAS IS NOT ALONE in attracting attention on party-switching. On the national scene, Jeane Kirkpatrick has finally formally switched her party registration from Democrat to Republican.

Ms. Kirkpatrick served four years as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and her stern views on foreign policy — which endeared her to many elements within the Republican Party — were usually at odds with her then-colleagues in the Democratic Party.

As most party-switchers claim, Ms. Kirkpatrick contends that she has not left her party, but that her party has left her.

"THE TRUTH IS I think the Democratic Party's response to the problems of the Depression was the appropriate response and the main response," she told a television panel recently.

"And I think the Republican Party and the Democratic Party and our problems and our times have all changed and today I think the Republican Party's responses are just more fitting for the problems of the day."

Ms. Kirkpatrick claims staunchly that she has no intentions to run for public office, but you can bet the mortgage that her name will continue to crop up prominently in speculation about who's going to run for what in the 1988 presidential election — especially in the

vice presidential maneuvering.

PRESIDENT REAGAN, of course, is probably the best-known party-switcher. He used to be a Democrat, and his conversion to Republicanism came several years ago. He then ran for governor of California, and finally President.

Down in Texas, the recent trendsetter in switching is Sen. Phil Gramm, who was a Democrat elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, resigned his seat and his party, switched to the Republicans, and won election both to his vacated House seat and then in 1984 to the U.S. Senate.

Switching is a popular sport in several southern states, and northern Democrats tend to dismiss party-switching in the South as merely the realignment of normally conservative politicians with the normally conservative Republican Party.

In Florida, for example, the mayor of Tampa is a former Democrat who is running for the Republican nomination for governor, several state legislators have switched, and the elected state attorney general — another Democrat — has publicly pondered becoming a Republican.

PARTY-SWITCHING these days seems to be going all one way — from the Democrats to the Republicans. If I were a Democratic Party worker or leader, frankly I'd be a bit worried.

Perhaps, as some political observers contend, all this party-switching is healthy because it helps to realign the two major parties in the conservative or liberal molds, where they feel they should be.

However, American politics has always been a blend of coalitions, and to polarize the parties on philosophical bases would take considerable shifting all over the place.

Perhaps there are more pragmatic reasons, too, such as electability.

Personally, I'm going to keep an eye on Michigan's Sen. Don Riegle. He switched once — from a Republican congressman to run as a Democrat for U.S. Senate — and he's up for re-election again in a couple of years.

Who knows what runs through the minds of politicians?

Good Seats Still Available!

GHS Players Ready Broadway Musical

The next attraction by the Grayling High School Players, opening on May 9, 1985, will be Camelot, the Lerner and Loewe musical version of King Arthur, whose heart-striking poignancy gained worldwide attention in the days immediately following the tragic death of John F. Kennedy.

A week after the senseless assassination of the President, his bereaved widow was quoted in newspapers as saying: "At night, before we'd go to sleep, Jack liked to play some records. The song he loved most came at the very end of one of them. The lines he loved to hear were: 'Don't let it be forgot, that once there was a spot, for one brief shining moment that was known as Camelot'."

The world was stunned with the thought that John F. Kennedy's cherishing these words by Alan Jay Lerner to Frederick Loewe's music was some sort of prescience of the brevity of his shining moment — and his wife's.

The song, and the whole musical, had captured this element of the Arthurian legend that had made it an inseparable part of the cultural heritage of the western world — the ineradicable memory of a lost, golden past, symbolized by a city named Camelot where a mythical medieval monarch momentarily held a resplendent court of perfect knights and ladies until it fell into decay. The fable, as told and re-told by the troubadours and the poets, painted Camelot as indeed a shining place where chivalry and honor and romance and beauty thrived, but all too briefly.

Many of the familiar tapestried figures in the story of King Arthur's Round Table appear in Camelot. Allen Morford will be seen in the Grayling High School Players production as the idealistic King Arthur, Kevin Reynolds as the wizard Merlin, Todd Moore as the evil knight Mordred and Jeff Martinez as the adored, questing King Pellinore. Amy Smith and Jeff Martinez will be seen as Guenevere and Lancelot, the chaste but guilty lovers.

Camelot, the first musical by Lerner and Loewe to follow their overwhelming success with My Fair Lady, comes to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium for a run of three performances through May

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 Mary M. Mollon, Clerk

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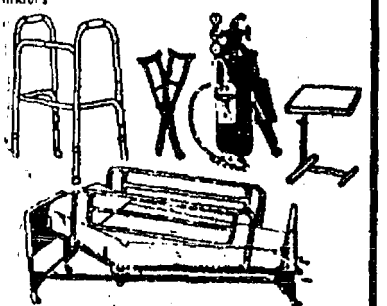
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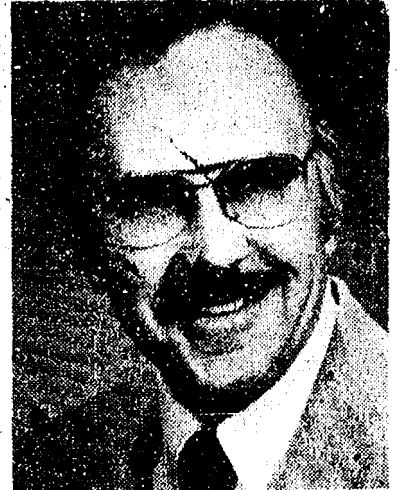


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Michigan Mirror

Student Aid Plan Could Cut Allocations to Colleges

Warren M. Hoyt, Executive Dir., MPA



A student financial aid package that would double Governor James Blanchard's proposed aid increase while trimming his proposed allocation to the institutions themselves has been unveiled by House Speaker Gary Owen (D-Ypsilanti) and other Democratic representatives.

The 10-bill package, Owen said, is a re-ordering of priorities to help students whose ability to attend college has been hurt by the state's high tuition and to counter threatened budget cuts by President Reagan.

The Democratic plan would increase student financial aid in 1985-86 by \$30 million, compared to Blanchard's proposed \$15.3 million increase to \$31.8 million.

The package, Owen said, would assist a total of 25,000 students.

But Representative Lynn Jondahl (D-East Lansing), one of the sponsors of the bills in the package, said that the aid would be trying to "catch up" to the 60,000 to 70,000 students now eligible for financial aid that will be cut off by the federal budget proposals.

The package would take the funds for student aid proposed by Blanchard and add some \$14 million which will be taken by an across-the-board cut of the Governor's recommended increases to the state's public colleges.

That cut should be less than .25 percent of the proposed increase, Owen said.

He noted he had not discussed the plan with the state's university presidents and anticipated they would oppose the cut of their proposals. "Anytime you talk about restricting their flexibility they're not supportive of it," he said.

Owen dismissed suggestions that cutting the universities' increases might force them to raise tuition. His package includes an additional \$2.7 million for tuition fees as developed last year, he said.

The speaker noted the package is an effort to "emphasize that tuition rates are beyond the means of the average students," and show the colleges and universities that the Legislature considers student aid a higher

priority than it has been given by those institutions.

The package would create a new Michigan educational opportunity grants program, for \$10 million, which provide grants based on need for use by full or part-time jobs for students. The grants would be distributed by colleges after other funds were first used.

The legislation also creates a work/study program, with \$5 million, to provide part-time jobs for students. Those jobs would have to pay at least minimum wage and the state funds would finance up to 80 percent of the wages for jobs in non-profit firms and up to 50 percent of the wages for jobs in profit making businesses.

Also created would be a \$4 million program to help adults attending universities.

The package also endorses Blanchard's proposed \$8.2 million increase in the Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program and creates a financial aid hotline and outreach program for \$100,000 to help students find out about available financial aid packages.

FAMILY FARM AUTHORITY PROVIDED \$5 MILLION IN LOANS IN 1984

The Michigan Family Farm Development Authority made low-interest loans totalling more than \$5 million in 1984 to qualified beginning farmers through the authority's bond program, Authority Executive Director Donald J. Schaner reported.

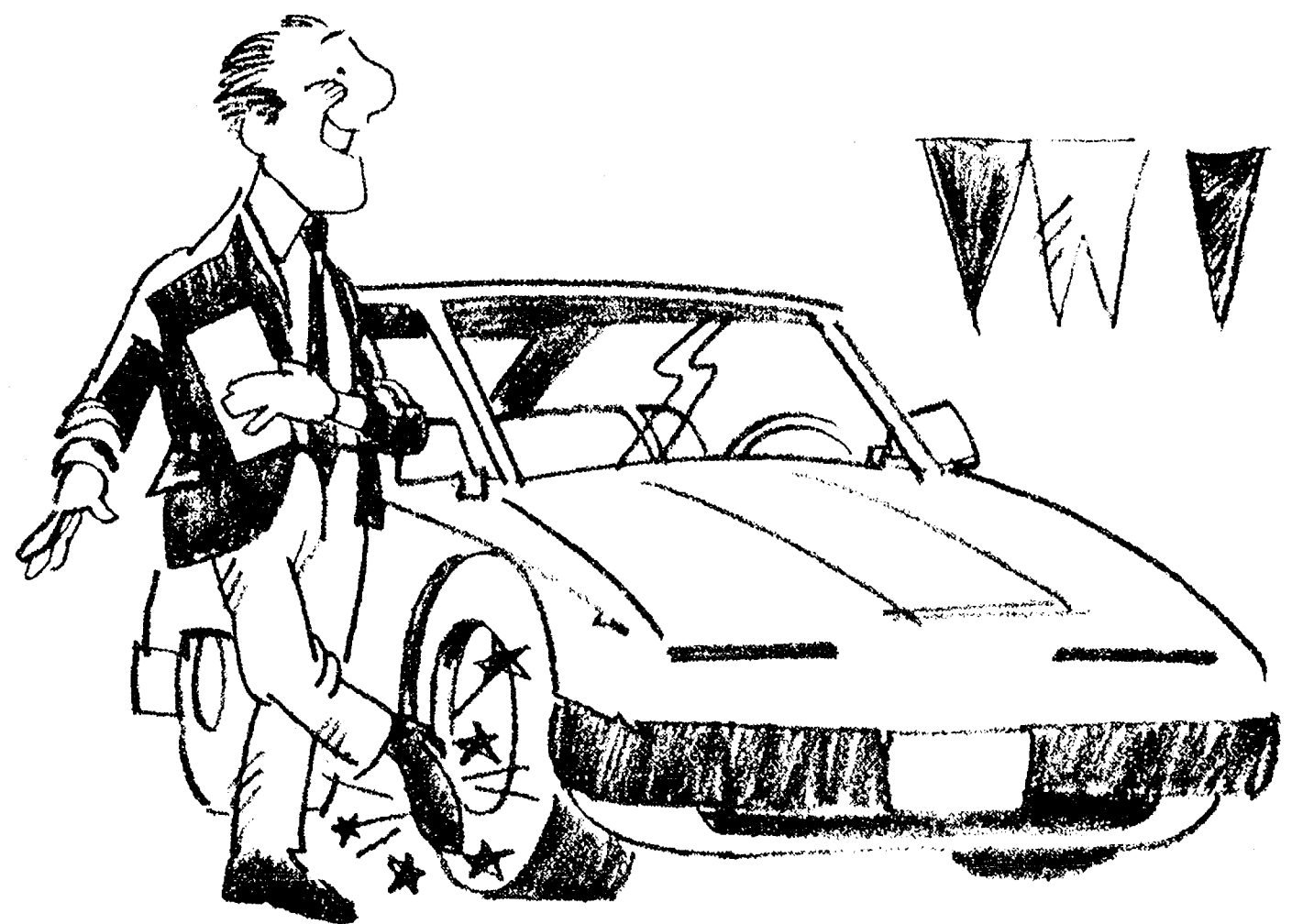
The loans are made to beginning farmers with net worth of less than \$250,000, as long as they can qualify by having farming experience, appropriate background and sufficient training.

Schaner said that of the money loaned in 1984, nearly three-fourths was used for improvement and/or purchase of agricultural land. The remaining 26 percent helped with the purchase of machinery and equipment.

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Luncheon - Card Party at St. John

Luncheon - Card Party, St. John Lutheran Church, Fellowship Room, 710 Spruce St., Wednesday, April 24th, 1:00 p.m. Donation \$3.00.

Resource Review

By Bruce Patrick
Conservation Officer

It never ceases to amaze me the way normal loving parents oft-times put their children in positions where their lives are in danger. There are an astounding number of people who buy their kids ORVs (Off-Road Vehicles), show them how to start it and shift it and then let the kids take off to wherever they want to go.

I have found 12 year old kids on motorcycles much too large for them to completely control, tearing down county roads at break-neck speeds. Talking to the kids, I frequently learn that the parents are home (sometimes miles away) watching T.V. One situation that scares me to death whenever I think about it occurred last summer. I observed one young fellow on a "three wheeler" and another on a go-cart on a black top road. They were both going as fast as they could over a hill, on the left side of the road. Had a vehicle been coming from the other direction, the kids would never have had a chance. Motorcycles and trikes are not toys. They are extremely dangerous and should be used only when safety rules are well learned.

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Gospel Singer at Kirtland April 21



Doug Oldham, famous gospel singer, will conclude Kirtland College's 1984-85 Performing Artist Series with an afternoon of inspirational music on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. in the Kirtland Auditorium.

This veteran of religious music performed as a vocal soloist for five years on Jerry Falwell "Old Time Gospel Hour" and is one of the artists featured on the

record album "Alleluia" which was the first Christian oriented album to sell over one million copies.

Recently Doug's beautiful voice has been heard as part of the Billy Graham Crusade. Doug also was host on his own Television series called "Hi Doug!" and featured weekly guests including Tom Landry, Paul Harvey, Sen. Mark Hatfield and fellow Christian recording artists.

He is personal friends with Mr. Falwell, Mr. Graham, Mr. Landry and has performed for each of the last four presidents at some point in their careers as well as singing for the Queen of England and Prince Philip.

Kirtland Series Director Robert Amsden has specially invited area churches to organize groups to attend the concert as a social outing for the membership to hear Doug's ministry of Faith.

You may call Dr. Amsden at 275-5121 ext. 226 for group reservations or information about Doug or the concert.

Individual tickets may be purchased at Roscommon Hardware, Higgins Lake True Value Hardware, Flowers by Josie, Crawford County Arts Council/WGRY radio station, at the rate of \$5.50 for general admission and \$4.50 for senior citizens or students.

Grayling Baptist Church

The Grayling Baptist Church will be holding the church services at Hanson Hills, in the Museum Building, starting this Sunday, April 21st. They have been meeting at 701 Peninsular, in the home of the pastor Donn Broeker and his wife, Diane, for about a year.

Services will be as follows: Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Church Service 11:00 a.m. Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening 7:00 p.m.

The church will be meeting at Hanson Hills, while preparing to purchase land and build in the near future.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 348-2457.

Daniel's Den

Jamboree night at the Den this Saturday. This is your opportunity to come and share a song, a scripture or a testimony. If the Lord has given you a talent, come and put it to use for the Lord.

Also this Saturday, there will be a "mini" bookstore, courtesy of Rainbow Bookstore in Traverse City and Dave & Karen Ross. The store will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only and not during Jamboree, so come early and shop for those items you've been wanting from the Christian Bookstore. If you have a special item that you would like, contact Karen at 348-5363.

Coming up the following Saturday, will be the group, Bluegrass Express. They have been at the Den before and everyone really enjoyed them. They are a spirited group with a happy sound. You won't want to miss them.

Daniel's Den is located on the corner of the I-75 Bus. Loop and W. M-72. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with music at 8:00 p.m.

Special People Thanked

This coming Monday, April 22nd is the fourth annual salute to Girl Scout Leader's Day when the girls and adults of Crawford County thank the Girl Scout leaders for their important work on behalf of girls and young women in their communities. On this day nationwide Girl Scouts, their families and supporters spend the day showing appreciation for the women and men who carry out the diverse responsibilities of Girl Scout leaders.

It has been said anyone can be a Girl Scout leader. Anyone, that is, who is patient, fun-loving, understanding, enduring, inspirational, cooperative, sympathetic, creative, fair, organized, caring and who can find tremendous personal satisfaction and growth in helping young girls seek wonder and fulfillment in their lives.

Guess you could say that Girl Scout leaders are a very, very, special kind of people. Girl Scouts certainly think so. That's why they honor their leaders on Girl Scout Leader's Day and cherish the involvement of the concerned women and men who give freely of their time to make a difference in girls' lives.

Today's Girl Scout leaders are highly-motivated specially-trained individuals who find they get as much out of Girl Scouting as they give, whether it's accompanying Brownies Girl Scouts on their first camping trip or helping a Senior Girl Scout decide on a career. If you know a Girl Scout leader, please take a moment to say thanks. And if you are a Girl Scout leader, our hats are off to you!!

There are eight troops of Brownies in the Grayling and Frederic area. The first grade troops are led by Marge Morford - Troop 2014 of eight girls; Jeanie Harwood - Troop 2103, of eight girls; the second grade troops are led by Nancy Wells - Troop 2100 of ten girls, Virginia Galvani - Troop 2143 of fourteen girls; the third grade troops are led by Carla Jean Gingerich - Troop of eleven girls; Cathy Goeckerman - Troop 2090 of nine girls; Glenda Sampsel - Troop 2125 of seven girls; a combined grades of Brownies are led by Sherry Schuster - Troop 2141 of nine girls in Frederic.

There are two troops of Junior Girl Scouts led by Janet Gilman - Troop 2016 of eleven girls and Linda Pelton - Troop 2027 of six girls. The Cadette Troop 2105 led by Marge Len has three girls and the newest troop this year is the Senior Troop 2163 led by Barb Johnson has three girls.

Another group of adults who need to be mentioned are the assistant leaders. These people give a great deal of their time and energy to Girl Scouting. These assistants are the leaders right hands and extra pair of hands with the girls. Our hats are tipped to the following special people - Maureen

Wejrowski, Rhonda Haske, Bobbie Felix, Lucy Romero, Lynn Reeves, Pat Petrie, Tammy Harrington, Norma Felvor, Dora Lee Dann, and Stella Johnson.

The typical Girl Scout leader used to be thought of as a mother of small children and a full-time homemaker. But not in 1985! Today's Girl Scout leader can be a working mother or a senior citizen, a single career woman or an "empty nester" whose children are grown. She, or he, can hold a Ph.D. in economics, be a full time student or work at any occupation.

Girl Scout leaders, here in Crawford County, have a wonderful time on your day. If you know a Girl Scout leader please extend a warm hello and hearty thank you for a job well done!

Compendium of Bach Compositions

Bach Concert coming to Grayling - Bach, Alive in '85 is the theme for a delightful musical tribute to the immortal Johann Sebastian Bach, in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birthday.

The program, to be presented in matinee and evening performances at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6, 1985, will be staged at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling. All tickets are \$2.00 each.

Performing artists from throughout Northern Michigan will share diverse talents in brass, string, keyboard piano and organ, Liturgical dance, along with vocal renditions of Bach compositions.

For additional information you may contact Janet Dice, 126 Fulton, Grayling 49738 (Ph. 517-348-8808).

Three Locals on Dean's List

Midland - Jennifer A. Alef, Mike E. Hickey and Jim G. Stewart all of Grayling, have been named to the Dean's List for winter term announced Edgar A. Madden, vice president of academics and dean of the college.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade-point on a 4.0 scale.

Northwood Institute is a private, coeducational accredited college specializing in practical career preparation in business-related fields. The college's curriculum include both two-year and four-year career degree programs. Northwood has campuses located in Midland, Michigan; Cedar Hill, Texas; West Palm Beach, Florida; and the Northwood Institute Margaret Chase Smith Library Center in Skowhegan, Maine. The college also has extension centers and continuing education programs throughout the United States and Canada and an international program based in Paris, France.

Completes AF Training



Airman Wendy L. Callan, daughter of Paul J. Callan of 1425 N. Saginaw Road, Midland, and Joan M. Callan of 140 Cobble Creek, Grayling, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the personnel field.

She is a 1984 graduate of Grayling High School.

New Air Force Recruiter

Traverse City - Staff Sergeant Terry M. Ferrier, is the new United States Air Force recruiter for Traverse City. Sgt. Ferrier, whose office is at 120 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, 49684-2502 (phone: 616/946-6976), is a native of Northport. He is married and the father of a boy, Daniel, age three. His wife, Susan, hails from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sgt. Ferrier is a five year Air Force veteran, who has served in Great Falls, Montana.

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VALENTINE DANCE — The Crawford County 4-H Leader Council put on a Valentine Dance on February 8, to raise funds for the Careers class and Advanced Studies class at the Middle School. During the dance a Lip Sync Contest was held for the students. (L to R) Nancy Hatfield, President of the Crawford County 4-H Leader Council gives Margarita Perez, student, and Gayle Mills, teacher for Advanced Studies, \$100. towards a trip to Greenfield Village and Cranbrook Institute in which they are currently raising more funds for.



CAREERS CLASS — (L to R) Nancy Hatfield gives Heidi Stephenson, student, Andrea Schans, student, Karen MacDonald, teacher for Careers \$100 to purchase educational films to be used on their new television and VCR which was purchased with funds the class raised themselves. This equipment and films will be available to all Middle School classes.



LIP SYNC WINNERS — First place winners of the Lip Sync Contest with their trophy and gold medals, (L to R) Andrea and Joell Schans, did "Clock on the Wall" by Double Vision as their act. Second place trophy and silver medals went to James DeVriendt, Jeff Schreindl, Grant Armstrong, Ryan Hindmarsh, and Teddy Connoy. Third place trophy and bronze medals went to Cheryl Barber, Jannice LaDuke and Sheryl Klinger. A special medal was presented to Lucio Saraiva, a foreign exchange student from Brazil with his rendition of Little Richard.

Herbal Corner

Sometimes I come across bits of information from the past that intrigue me. The following was taken from "Rose Recipes From Olden Times", by Eleanor Sinclair Rohde.

Rose Water
"Some do put rose water in a glass and they put roses with their dew thereto and they make it to boile in water, then they set it in the sune tyll it be readde and this water is beste.

Also drye roses put to the nose to smell do comfort the braine and the harte and quencheh sprites" - Askham's "Herbal" 1550.

A sprite is defined as a small elusive supernatural being, elf, or pixie. I must confess that sometimes, after the supper hour, when I am alone with my roses with their heavy fragrances after a hot, sunny day, the breeze is slight, all is quiet, and all is right with the world, the Irish in me would like to see those elves flittering here and there enjoying what I have planted in my gardens.

Herbally yours,
E. Diona Cerelli

Attend Soil District Seminar

Crawford-Roscommon Soil Conservation District Directors Glenn Schicker, Roscommon, and Bob Andrus, Grayling, recently attended a seminar for soil conservation district directors at the MacMullan Conference Center, Higgins Lake.

District directors from throughout the state participated in sessions on legal responsibilities of districts, relationships between related state and federal agencies and programs offered by other districts.

The soil conservation district is a local unit of government with the responsibility of developing plans and programs for soil and water conservation. A district conservationist, a forester and a work crew assist local homeowners in preventing soil erosion, woodland management and other soil conservation practices.

Each spring, the district offers low-cost tree seedlings for reforestation, wildlife habitat, erosion control, beautification and Christmas trees.

Other members of the board of directors are Michael Wahl, St. Helen; Brian Willett, Roscommon; and Harold Mertes, Fredric.

Further information is available at the District Office at 409 Lake St., Roscommon; Ph. 275-5231.

District Court

The following persons appeared in 83rd District Court before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Thomas Bickman, 27, of Grayling, demanded preliminary examination to charges of armed robbery. A \$50,000 cash or surety bond was placed on each charge.

Richard Press, 20, of Grayling, demanded preliminary examination to a charge and breaking and entering an unoccupied building with intent to commit larceny. A \$2,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Jeffrey Burden, 23, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of unlawful use of marijuana and was fined \$305 or 30 days. He was cited Feb. 12 by the sheriff dept.

David Pratt, 25, of Roscommon, demanded preliminary examination to a charge of resisting and obstructing an officer and carrying a dangerous weapon in a motor vehicle. A \$1,000 bond was set for each charge.

Harold VanSickle, 33, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of attempted resisting and obstructing an officer and was fined \$255 or 30 days. An original charge of resisting and obstructing an officer was amended by a motion of the prosecuting attorney. He was cited June 14 by the sheriff dept.

Michael Steiger, 32, of Roscommon, plead guilty to a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property less than \$100 and a charge of trespassing. He was fined \$105 or 10 days for the trespassing and \$205 or 30 days plus one year probation and \$255 restitution for the other charge. An original charge of receiving and concealing stolen property more than \$100 was amended by a motion of the prosecuting attorney. He was cited Sept. 8 and Sept. 12 following a citizen complaint.

Robert Steinbrink, 29, of Frederic, plead no contest to a charge of driving while his license was denied. He was fined \$205 plus seven days in the county jail. He was cited Feb. 25 by state police.

Terry Wakeley, 41, of Frederic, plead guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was fined \$155 or 14 days. He was cited March 16 by city police.

Scott Collen, 18, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was fined \$155 or 14 days. He was cited Dec. 13 by city police.

James Rutkamp, 18, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of larceny of less than \$100 and was fined \$155 or 14 days plus one year of probation and restitution. He was cited Jan. 6 following a citizen complaint.

Mary Wize, 38, of Roscommon, plead guilty to a charge of filing a false police report. She was fined \$105 or 10 days. She was cited April 30, 1984 by the sheriff dept.

How ABWA Scholarships Were Used



An American Business Women Association scholarship was awarded in 1976 to Natalie Tinker. She used it to attend the Licensed Practical Nurse Program at Kirtland Community College.

Ms. Tinker has worked at Grayling Mercy Hospital for fifteen years; the first six years as a nurse aide and the last nine years as an LPN. She is presently working in the Critical Care Unit and is taking night classes at Kirtland. She plans eventually to enroll in the Registered Nurse program.

Ms. Tinker has several personal interests. At the top of the list are her children Katie, 15; Robbie, 12; and Karie, 5. Together they enjoy music, camping and fishing. Animals have been of special interest to the Tinker family. Katie is seriously considering becoming a veterinarian. The Tinkers also enjoy family gatherings with Natalie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mead of Grayling.

Ms. Tinker is the first of many ABWA scholarship recipients who will be profiled in the near future.

Named to N.I. President's List

Midland - Bonnie J. Keusch of Grayling, has been named to the President's List for winter term announced Dr. David E. Fry, president of Northwood Institute.

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Doodles From The Tall Timber

By Wendell L. Hoover
Park Interpreter

Not far South of here there is open water and of course the waterfowl have found it and are starting the ritual of courtship. We noticed several woodduck nesting boxes located in and around one marsh. At least one had been claimed as a male woodduck was standing on top of it. Nesting boxes for woodducks are not difficult to build and in a suitable location the possibility of having the box occupied is very good. In years past the woodduck used cavities in either dead or live trees, but wind and modern timber cutting practices have eliminated many suitable sites.

A woodduck box should have a four inch hole placed twelve to fifteen inches above the bottom of the box. Keep the inside dimensions close to seven and a half inches square. With the box eight to ten feet above the ground or water on a post or tree you and the ducks are in business. Protect the box from raiding raccoons by putting a two foot wide or wider strip of aluminum or other smooth metal around the tree or post. By nailing a piece of hardware cloth on the inside, under the hole the young can get out easier.

The woodduck is the only duck we have with a crest and has been suggested as our national bird because it nests in every state and because of its beauty. The nest, by the way, may be as much as fifty feet above the ground or water. Once the eight to fifteen eggs hatch the ducklings jump out of the box or nest. Once in the water the young feed voraciously on mosquito wrigglers and vegetable matter such as duckweed and grasses. Not only can you enjoy the beauty of the ducks, but they will get rid of some of the pesky insects which may bother you.

First Time

First-time births will account for 43 percent of all births from 1981 through 1985, according to National Center for Health Statistics.

Masons to Meet

The Roscommon Masonic Lodge will be putting on a Master Mason degree on Monday evening, April 22nd. Lodge opens at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. Lodge will resume at 7:30.

Learning about Junior Girl Scouting is fun with Janet Gilman and Pat Petrie.



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1. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall on M-18.
2. Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:30 p.m.
3. Dates of regular meetings are as follows:

April 9, 1985	October 8, 1985
May 14, 1985	November 12, 1985
June 12, 1985	December 10, 1985
July 9, 1985	January 14, 1986
August 13, 1985	February 11, 1986
September 10, 1985	March 11, 1986

Annual Meeting — March 29, 1986
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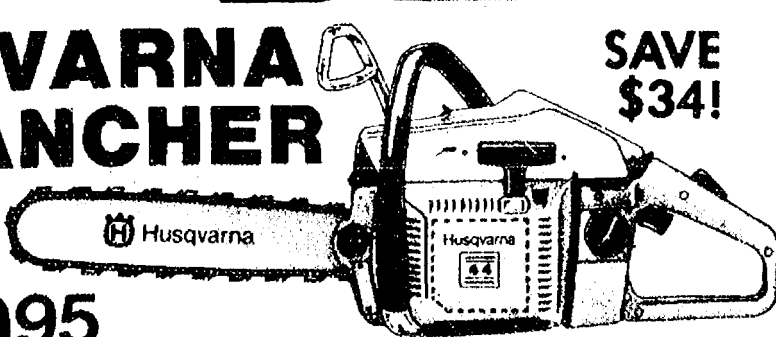
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Lance Holzman
Lance 2 yrs, son of Vickie Holzman.



Alfred Borchers
Alfred, 19 month old son of Bill & Charlene Borchers.



Jamey Harland
Jamey, 22 months, son of Jim & Bridget Harland.



Nikolaus & Trevor Kalthoff
Nikolaus 4 years, Trevor, 5 months, children of Chris & Marie Kalthoff.



Victor & Mark CdeBaca
Victor 2½ yrs, Mark 3 months, children of Steve & Alice CdeBaca.



Nicole Hellebuyck
Nicole, 19 month old daughter of Ken & Midge Hellebuyck.



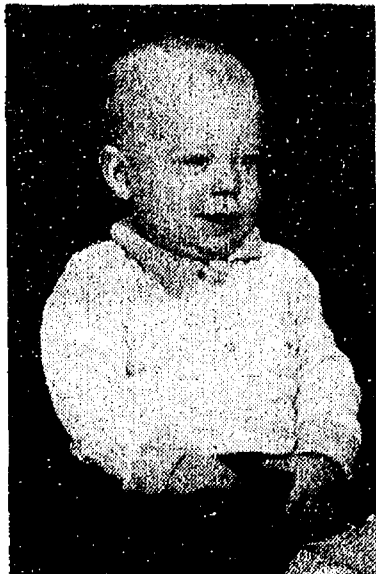
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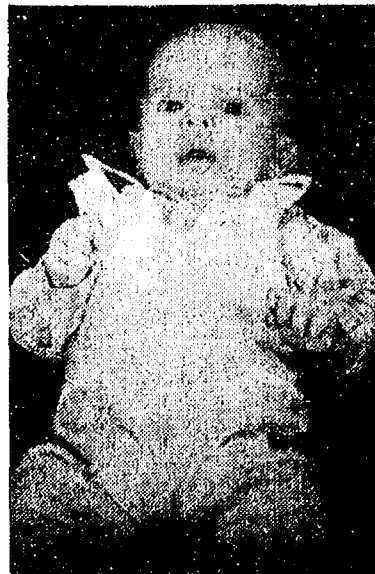
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Sara 10 yrs, Bethany 10 yrs, Michael 6½ yrs, Mary 4 yrs, Marcus 23 months, children of Keith & Joy Bobenmoyer.

Tornado Preparedness Begins Now, AAA Warns

Tornado safety begins with preparedness and because spring tornadoes can be the most intense and dangerous, AAA Michigan cautions residents to get ready now.

"The most dangerous tornadoes generally occur in April, May and June," stated Bob Cullen, AAA Michigan's home safety and security program manager. "Most tornadoes occur between 3 and 7 p.m., but they can happen at any time."

Since 1950, 234 Michigan residents have died in tornadoes, the fourth highest state total behind Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas. One of the worst tornadoes in recent years hit Kalamazoo at 3:58 p.m. May 13, 1980. Five persons died, 79 were injured and 83 buildings were destroyed.

"Advance planning is the key to tornado safety," said Cullen.

"It is important that all family members know the difference between the tornado alert signals," he said. "A tornado 'watch' means that weather conditions are suitable for a tornado to occur while a 'warning' means a tornado has been sighted or detected by radar."

In preparing for a tornado threat, residents should select a family shelter site and practice the fastest route to safety so every family member knows exactly what to do when a tornado alert is issued.

The best tornado shelter is a basement, primarily along interior walls, under a stairway or sturdy workbench for protection against falling debris. Items for the shelter site should include a radio, flashlight, extra batteries, first aid kit and a supply of water.

"Most home insurance companies, including AAA Michigan, have tornado coverage in their basic policies, but every homeowner should make sure the insurance policy is up-to-date," Cullen said.

Because tornado winds can reach up to 300 miles an hour, homeowners should do preventive maintenance now to minimize possible damage. Steps may include making sure the roof is in good repair, notifying the utility companies of any sagging power or telephone lines and repairing loose gutters, shutters, storm windows and screens.

Mobile homes are one of

the most dangerous places to be during a tornado. They are particularly vulnerable because of their surface area to weight ratio. They can be picked up easily, rolled and even hurled through the air.

They also are not structurally sound enough to withstand high winds and can come apart or even disintegrate. Nearly one-third of all persons killed in tornadoes last year in the nation were in mobile homes.

"Persons living in a mobile home should develop a safety plan which directs the family to the nearest shelter area at the first sign of danger," Cullen said. "Many mobile home parks have shelters on site, but any solid structure will give added safety."

"Persons in a mobile home when a tornado is sighted should leave the trailer immediately and lay flat on the ground in a low spot," he said. "The same procedure is advised for those in a car since the high winds also can pick up and roll a vehicle, and it is important to drive away from a tornado."

Persons in schools or office buildings during a tornado should keep away from large open rooms with cell-

ings that could collapse. They should stay close to walls and away from possible flying glass and debris.

"Persons who plan, prepare and practice now should be able to combat the dangers associated with a tornado," Cullen said.

Commission On Aging Meal Change

Effective Wednesday, May 1st, meals will be served Monday through Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The Friday meal will continue to be served at 12:00 Noon.

The congregating dining program offers seniors a nutritious meal and provides the opportunity to socialize and meet new people.

The meals are served within the Grayling Housing Facility, 308 Lawndale Drive, and the community is welcome to attend. Regardless of income, persons over 60 years, or their spouse is over 60, can eat for a \$1.35 donation. For guests under 60, the cost is \$2.50. For more information, please call 348-7123 or 348-8031.

Mercy Hospital Auxillary Raised \$14,600 Last Year

The Grayling Mercy Hospital Auxillary raised \$14,600 last year as reported in the annual report for the North Central District. Mercy's auxillary ranked sixth among hospitals in total in-service hours with 9,110, and fifth in total donations.

There are 128 members in the Mercy Auxillary. Monies are raised through gift shop sales, the annual tag day, card party and bazaar.

The auxillary has an annual commitment to provide two electric beds with furniture to the hospital. Additionally, the auxillary has purchased lounge furniture, televisions, wheelchairs and medical equipment for the hospital. Most recently, the auxillary assumed coordinating responsibility for the Communi-Call system, a voice-to-voice program for homebound patients.

As hospitals face greater and greater challenges in health care, organizations such as hospital auxiliaries, will play an even larger role in the future of each facility. "We are very proud of our hospital and privileged to be able to contribute to its strength," said Auxillary President, Jan Harvey, adding, "our membership is dedicated and energetic and I know our contributions to Mercy Hospital will continue to grow."

Receives AF Commission



James V. Gardiner, son of Vernon F. Gardiner of Grayling, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The 12-week course trained selected college graduates to apply communicative skills, professional knowledge, leadership and management in positions of responsibility.

Gardiner will now be assigned at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

He is a 1981 graduate of Michigan State University at East Lansing.

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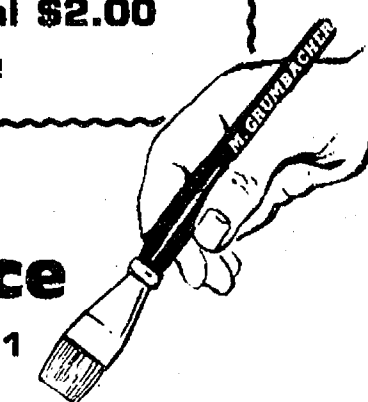
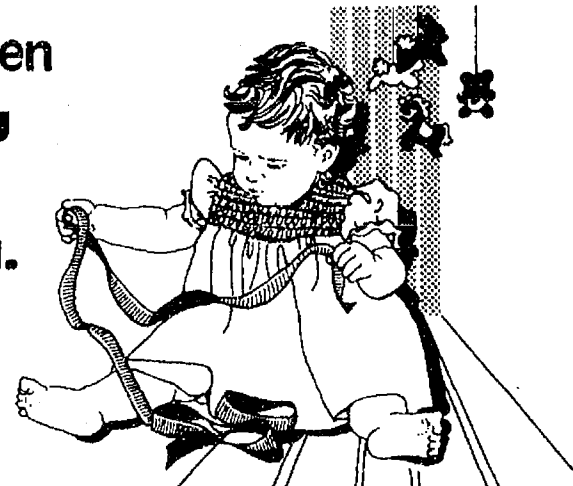
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10th ANNIVERSARY WINNERS — David Hawkins, 3, and Onna Ingvarsson, 5, were the grand prize winners in the recent Golden Touch 10th Anniversary Celebration. Golden Touch owner Susan McCurdy, center, gave away a truck to David and a doll to Onna in addition to nine free facials, nine free manicures, five free pedicures, five free permanents, two gift certificates, and other prizes.

Running and Fitness Clinic To Be Sponsored By Mercy Hospital

Grayling Mercy Hospital will sponsor a 10-week fitness clinic beginning May 4. The clinic is open to any interested person in the community hoping to improve

their overall fitness by walking or running. The first meeting, May 4, will be held in the dining room of the hospital at 10:30 a.m. Featured guest speaker, John McPhail, director of the Well-Being Health Improvement Program in Lansing and president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Heart Association, will address cardio-vascular fitness and how running reduces the chance of heart disease.

According to Patricia Hanson, community service coordinator at Mercy, the program will have a wide appeal to include the non-runners up through the experienced runner. Part of the program will be dedicated to walkers who simply want to get more exercise and improve their cardio-vascular system. A significant portion will be dedicated to beginning runners. The clinic will conclude July 11, two weeks before the Milltown 10 kilometer run.

"The Milltown Run gives the more enthusiastic candi-

date a goal to aim for," said Ms. Hanson. "Certainly all of the participants won't be ready to run a 10K, but many will surprise themselves."

A health appraisal will be given to each candidate at the May 4 meeting. The appraisal is not a complete physical, but will help to screen participants who may have potential problems which could be aggravated by physical activity.

Instructional classes will begin on May 9 at 4:30 p.m. at Hanson Hills. Tentative plans are to provide a 10 to 15 minute program on fitness and related topics and to weigh and measure participants to help gauge progress.

A \$20 registration fee will be charged to each participant to cover supplies, payable at the May 4 meeting. Each person will receive a T-shirt and informational packets, as part of their registration fee.

Anyone can attend the May 4 meeting, however, interested persons should pre-register by calling the Public Relations Office at Mercy Hospital, (517) 348-5461, ext. 120.

100+ Children Attend GPA Egg Hunt

Much praise is to be given to the more than 100 children who participated in the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, held in the freezing rain on March 31st. A big thanks goes out to our Easter Bunny and her helpers and the American Legion for supervising the river patrol and for the use of their kitchen, along with the American Legion Auxiliary for their help with coloring all the eggs. We were able to raise enough money to pay for all expenses; we appreciate all the contributions that were received.

Our Adult Easter Egg Hunt was also well attended. Congratulations to Florence Mellon on winning the trip to Toronto. Our appreciation to all the businesses who participated.

Our new officers for the coming year are: President, Betty Bennett; Vice-President, Gloria Kraus; Secretary, Sally Hartig; and Treasurer, Mo McNamara. Just a reminder, our annual dues are payable this month.

Seven Kite-Flying Safety Tips

Few childhood experiences can match the thrill of flying a kite each spring. It only takes a bit of imagination to make that youngster captain of his ship, or pilot of her own aircraft, on the way to do battle with the forces of evil. Yet all that fun can be gone in the twinkling of an eye, if thoughts of safety drift away.

For the "Peanuts" character Charlie Brown, the trouble always started when the "kite-eating trees struck," but Willis C. Allen of Consumers Power Company's Cadillac district, reminds kite flyers that electric lines and poles can be just as hazardous. In fact, while the majority of kite flying accidents occur when a child tries to untangle a kite from a tree or power line, Allen says using metallic or wet string, that can conduct electricity, is also very dangerous.

To avoid these hazards and the serious injuries they could bring, Allen urges parents and children to observe these simple safety rules.

1. Use wood, paper or plastic in making your kite. Wire or metal materials make bad kites.
2. Use dry string to fly your kite...not wire or anything metallic, that could conduct electricity.
3. Fly your kite in an open area, away from electric lines and busy streets.
4. Watch the weather. Flying your kite in the rain can be very dangerous.
5. If your kite becomes caught, don't climb a tree, TV tower or power pole to get it down. This most common of accidents can result in serious burns.
6. If your kite is snagged by an electric wire, never pull on the line. Instead, call Consumers Power for help.
7. If the power line falls, stay away from it. Once again, call Consumers Power.

Consumers Power Company has films on kite safety. For teachers who would like to show them, contact the company's Educational Services Program and ask for either "Overhead Lines...A Matter of Respect" or "Electrical Safety From A to Zap." Either call the public affairs representative at your local Consumers Power office or write the company's headquarters. The address is 212 West Michigan Ave., Jackson, Mich. 49201.

Remember, Look Up, Stay Away, Stay Alive.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all of my dear friends & family for their thoughts, cards, flowers, love, and prayers while I was in Mercy Hospital. The nurses on 2 south were the best, and Doctor Ramaswamy's skill, care and compassion got me through. A very special thank you to Lynda Huether and family and to Valerie Jones and family who I can never begin to repay. Love and gratitude Joy Wright

Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Morton Schiff of Southfield, Michigan and Lake Margrethe are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Diane to Louis Quilici, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Quilici of Rockford, Illinois. Tracy is a graduate of Michigan State University and works for Marshall Fields in Chicago, Ill. Louis is a graduate of the University of Iowa and works for Birkelbach Investment Securities, Inc., also in Chicago. A fall wedding is planned.

Special Olympics Seeks Volunteers For Summer Games

Mt. Pleasant - Give them a day or two of your time and they'll give you smiles and memories to last a lifetime. They are the 3200 mentally impaired athletes who will participate in the 1985 Michigan Special Olympics State Summer Games May 30 through June 1 at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

More than 1000 volunteers will be needed Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 to make the Summer Games a truly special experience for the athletes said Sue Terns, Volunteer Coordinator for the Summer Games.

"We hope to have the majority of our volunteers recruited and placed in events by mid-May," Terns said. "Walk-on volunteers are welcome during the games but we really encourage registering ahead of time."

Volunteers will help run competitive events including track and field, swimming and diving, and gymnastics as well as recreational activities which are offered to athletes when they aren't competing. Information booths and volunteer check-in stations will also be operated by volunteers.

"A program like ours could not exist without the commitment and enthusiasm of volunteers," explained Terns, a volunteer herself. "Volunteering at any Special Olympics event is an opportunity to give something of yourself to others, but our volunteers always discover that they receive as much or more than they give."

Volunteer registration forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting Michigan Special Olympics at 127 Rowe Hall, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, 48859, (517) 774-3911.

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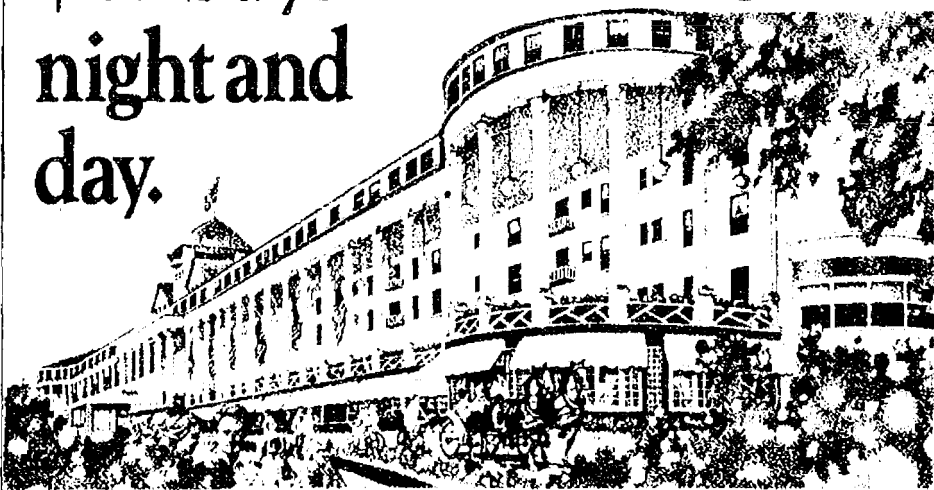
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The Kirtland Community College Foundation's Art Exhibit, featuring the works of Mrs. Shirley Catsman, Higgins Lake, will be held in the Kirtland Library from April 27th to May 3rd, from 1 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, and from 1-6 p.m. on weekends.

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Chamber Chatter

It's that time of year again - time to elect members to the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Board members are elected for a three year term. We have 12 members on the board and the terms of 4 of them expire each year. With a staggered term of office we do not replace the entire board each year, but do effect some continuity with one third up for election.

Members whose 3 year terms have ended are, Col. Ivan Gwilt, Camp Commander; Donna Masker, Grayling Manager of Old Kent Bank; Norma Naour, Cornell Realty; James Packard, Mercy Hospital. All four have consented to stand for re-election to another term. Also nominated to run are Michael McNamara, Mac's Drug Store; Steve Sauter, Hospitality House; Tom Schultz, Fabiano Brothers and Randy Thompson, Century 21 Realty. Ballots have been mailed to all Chamber of Commerce members in good standing (dues paid). The four members chosen from this group plus the remaining 8 members will elect the officers of the Chamber at their organizational meeting held in May. New officers and directors begin their terms on June 1. The beginning of the fiscal year.

We would also mention that as always is the case with a non-profit organization, the funds begin to dry-up at the close of the fiscal year. In other words our cash flow is very low and we would encourage those members who have not made their annual contribution (tax free) to the Chamber in behalf of their membership to do so as soon as possible. Remember, voting ballots are mailed to only members in good standing.

Among the Chamber sponsored activities is "The Home Show" scheduled for early May 4-5 weekend. This will be an opportunity for Builders and Suppliers to show their wares, such as Lumber Companies, Hardware Stores, Furniture Stores, Electricians, Contractors, Real Estate and Financial Institutions. Hanson Hills Museum Building is the site for the "Show". Plans are being finalized for the program, door prizes, gifts, demonstrations, etc. for the two day event. More information is forthcoming in the news, radio and T.V., so make your plans now to attend.

The Chamber and the G.P.A. sponsor the Community Calendar of Events. It is a wise move on the part of each club and organization to check with the Chamber office before deciding the date of an event. Many times several events take place on the same date. This helps no one and frustrates those who wish to attend both or all of the festivities. Please check with the Chamber and then confirm the date with the Chamber. The calendar is free advertising.

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The reception and information session begins at 7 p.m. At 7:30, Dr. Harry Pike, vice-president for student and auxiliary services, will give a slide presentation depicting physical aspects of the campus. From 8:30 to 9:30 academic department representatives will be available to discuss specific studies with parents and prospective students.

Dean of admissions, James Honkanen, will be available for questions, as will be representatives for the following departments: social sciences; biological sciences; physical education and recreation; criminal justice; english, language and literature; business and economics; nursing; engineering technology; and computer and mathematical sciences.

Claims Notice

File No. 4183
STATE OF MICHIGAN
In The Probate Court For The County of Crawford
Estate of Edward Nelson Walker, deceased.
Date of Death: 04/11/84
Social Security No.: 363-24-9043-A

TAKE NOTICE: Creditors of Edward Nelson Walker, Deceased, whose last-known address was: P.O. Box 145, Grayling, Michigan 49738 are notified that all claims against the Decedent's Estate are barred against the Estate, the Personal Representative, and the heirs and the devisees of the Decedent, unless, within FOUR (4) MONTHS after the date of publication of this Notice, or FOUR (4) MONTHS after the claim becomes due, whichever is later, the claim is presented to the following Personal Representative, at the following address: WILLIAM L. CAREY, Personal Representative, P.O. Drawer 665, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

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Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: 4/21 - 4/27/85

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

There are gains to be made through participation in group associations. Exchanging views is always beneficial.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

Become involved in professional and business organizations. Doors are opened to a new world of achievement.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

An increased awareness of cultural opportunities can find you contacting far-off places with strange sounding names.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Benefits are realized through matters of corporate finances, insurance, or inheritance. Study the laws of prosperity.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

Personal and business relationships flourish. Your friendly, outgoing manner elicits a similar response from others.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Volunteering your services can be a satisfying experience. The meal-on-wheels people need drivers.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Proceed cautiously in speculative matters. A thoughtful approach could bring favorable results — but don't sell your soul.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Home is a haven from the daily hassle. Make it as beautiful and comfortable as your means permit.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

The mind has a tendency to drift in to philosophical daydreams. Put your dreams in book form.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Funds become available for higher education or travel, which, in turn, leads to improved earning prospects.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Growth and expansion are yours. This means physical growth too. Nutritional factors are very important to your mental well being.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your keen intuitive faculties give you an insight into the needs of those you associate with.

Legal Notice

Notice of Application for the Establishment of a Branch Office.

Notice is hereby given that Chemical Bank North, 2500 I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, Michigan 49738 has made application with the Commissioner of the Michigan Financial Institutions Bureau for the establishment of a Branch Office to be located at 1511 West Houghton Lake Drive, Prudenville, Michigan 48651.

The application was accepted for filing by the Financial Institutions Bureau on April 2, 1985.

Any person who desires to protest the application must file a written notice of protest with the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Bureau, 111 South Capitol Avenue, Plaza Center Building, 10th Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48933 and with the Applicant not later April 29, 1985. The application is on file with the Commissioner and may be inspected during regular business hours.

This notice is published pursuant to Section 30 of the banking code of 1969, as amended, being Section 487.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws as amended by Act No. 524 of the Public Acts of 1978, which sets forth the procedures for processing applications and the manner in which protests may be made.

By: Ronald M. Phillips
President
-11-18-

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
In The Circuit Court For The County of Crawford
File No. 84-785-CH

MELVIN K. NIELSON, et al,
Plaintiff,

v.
PETER KOEFAS,
Defendant.

WILLIAM L. CAREY
(P31602)
Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

In pursuance of and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on March 4, 1985, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the City/County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 29th day of May at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon, the following described property, located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan to wit:

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By: William L. Carey
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114 Michigan Avenue
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-4-11-18-25-2-9-

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made the 29th day of December 1983, by Timothy L. Wakeley and Deborah R. Wakeley, husband and wife as mortgagor(s), to the United States of America, as mortgagee, and recorded on December 29, 1983, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, in Liber 221 of mortgages on Pages 523-526; on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice Thirty One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Two and 26/100 Dollars (\$31,192.26) principal and Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Two and 32/100 Dollars (\$3,962.32) interest; no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale contained in said mortgage having become operative by reason of such default;

NOW, THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on May 22, 1985 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the front steps (east side) of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described, as follows, to wit:

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East half (E½) of the Northwest quarter (NW¼) of Northeast quarter (NE¼) of the Northeast quarter (NE¼) of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan. The redemption period will be one month from the foreclosure sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus 11.875% interest and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale. Dated April 10, 1985.

For additional information, contact UNITED STATES OF AMERICA acting through Farmers Home Administration, Room 209, 1405 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, Mortgagee.
-11-18-25-2-



Community Calendar Of Events

Apr. 19 - "Don't Go With Strangers" Parents bring children to American Legion Hall - 7:30 p.m. - sponsored by Legion Aux.
Apr. 19 - Dinner Theatre - Holiday Inn - Door opens at 6 p.m.
Apr. 22 - Blood Pressure Clinic - Mercy Hospital - 3:30-7:30 p.m.
Apr. 23 - Annual Secretary Luncheon - Holiday Inn - 12:00 Noon
Apr. 26 - Best of the Bands - High School - 5:30-9:00 p.m.
Apr. 27 - Best of the Bands - High School 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Apr. 27 - Vegas Night - Hanson Hills
Apr. 28 - Amvets Steak Dinner 5 to 8 p.m. Higgins Lake Post
Apr. 29 - Amvets Aux. Breakfast - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Higgins Lake Post

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A \$2,000 reward is still being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in the theft at Chemical Bank North, of Grayling.

Chemical Financial Corporation, the holding company for Chemical Bank North, is offering the reward. The theft took place after the bank closed Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. and before 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 30, when the money was discovered missing by bank employees preparing to open.

The theft involved a large sum of money but less than \$50,000 according to Grayling Police Chief Pete Stephan. The vice-presi-

dent of Chemical Bank and Trust Company, G. Thomas Snyder, Jr., said it is against company policy to release the amount of money taken in a robbery or theft.

Three ivory-colored trays containing mostly money were taken in the theft. City Police Chief Stephan said no forcible entry was made at the bank.

Anyone with information about the theft can call the Grayling City Police at 348-4621 or the Crawford County Sheriff Department's anonymous tip line 348-6341, ext. 3000. All information will be kept confidential.

Burns Earns Doctor Degree

Nancy Burns, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burns, former Grayling residents, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burns, of Grayling, received her Doctor of Psychology degree in clinical psychology from Florida Institute of Technology March 23rd.

Burns, who earned her Masters degree in counseling and educational psychology and bachelor degrees in psychology and sociology from New Mexico State University, will be employed as a child psychologist at Neuropsychiatric Associates and Greenleaf Hospital in Bryan, Texas.

Case Receives Achievement Medal

Airman 1st Class David S. Case, son of Neva K. Case of Grayling, has been decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal at Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to airmen for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Case is a carpenter with the 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing.

He is a 1982 graduate of Grayling High School.

Lovells News

By Ruth Caid

Jane Commons entered the Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne, Florida 32901, last Friday. Any of her friends wishing to send her get well cards, would be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cavanaugh returned home after spending the winter in Florida. Also Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bigford who spent the winter in Arizona.

Joe Erb returned home Saturday after enjoying a vacation in Florida, while there he watched the launching of the Space Shuttle Discovery.

Mr. Bill Husted & family from West Branch visited Mrs. Ruth Caid on Saturday. The Cheerful Givers Club will meet at the club room on Thursday evening at 7:30.

Mrs. Leona Nichols and sister Gladys from Indiana are enjoying a vacation at their cabin.

Mark & Jackie Gregg and Tom Gregg from Lansing visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg over the weekend.

New books at the library are: "Different Seasons" by Stephen King, "The Aquitaine Progressions" by Robert Ludlum, "The Fourth Protocol" by Frederick Forsyth, "Iacocca" by Lee Iacocca, and twenty books new to our library on loan from the Crawford County Library.

Mini-Retreat at St. Mary's

Sunday, April 28th, starting at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Family Center there will be a mini-retreat given by Sister Sharon Sheridan, OSF, Family Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Gaylord. She will look at two important areas which affect all of us - Self-Esteem and Communication.

It promises to be a most worthwhile afternoon. Baby-sitting will be provided.

The retreat should conclude at approximately 7:30 p.m. This is open to the public so anyone wishing to attend please do so. Please bring a dish to pass for the Potluck supper and your own table service.

RSVP Reports

By Aleta Thompson,
Director

A rainbow of color is in the office this week with brightly colored yarn waiting to be made into crocheted and knitted mittens and hats.

Loretta Barnes, Bernice LaBarge, Florence Weaver and Florence Johnson are some of the ladies contributing their talents to this worthwhile project. If you are interested in the community service project please let us know.

Volunteers are needed to sign up for the Fish Hatchery, Hartwick Pines and the Crawford County Historical Museum. Sign up here at the office.

The only criteria for participation in RSVP is that a person be 60 years or older. If you are interested in any of these assignments, come in and see us at 308 Lawndale or call 348-4341 or 348-8322.

Plant a Tree For Your Future

The Crawford-Roscommon Soil Conservation District encourages you to plant trees this spring for reforestation, wildlife habitat, windbreaks, erosion control, beautification and/or Christmas tree production.

Seedlings are available at a low-cost to landowners in bundles of 25-1,000. These plants are 1-2 year old stock and are 5-10 inches in height.

Species to be available are: red and white pine; blue, Norway and white spruce; Northern white cedar; hybrid poplar; dogwood; autumn olive; and wildlife packets.

Seedlings will be arriving by the first week of May. Supply is limited, to contact the district office now for order blanks and information. Crawford-Roscommon Soil Conservation District, 409 Lake Street, P.O. Box 156, Roscommon, MI. 48653 or Phone 275-5231.

Completes Navy Training

Navy Airman Apprentice R.D. Keipert, son of Thomas E. and Joanne F. Keipert of 102 Village Place, Roscommon, has completed recruit training at Navy Recruit Training Command, Naval Training Center Great Lakes, MI.

During Keipert's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Keipert's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

Bowling Leagues

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1. Parson's Advertising.....40
2. North Central Erector's.....37
3. Spike's.....36
4. Dan & Maggie's.....32
5. Jim's Well Drilling.....31
6. Women of the Moose.....27
7. Jellystone Park.....25
8. Ghost Team.....12

High Game: S. Romain 208, K. Mosher 195, B. DeHart 192.

High Series: K. Mosher 524, B. DeHart 519, S. Romain 492.

NORTHWOOD LEAGUE

1. Laurines.....75%
2. Legion Rollers.....69
3. Grayling Floor Covering.....68
4. Bubbles Belle's.....60
5. Fred's Auto Body.....59
6. Milltown Traders.....56%
7. Rochette's IGA.....53%
8. Helsel's Firewood.....41%

High Game: J. Hinds 210, R. Ouellette 203, J. Cragg 191.

High Series: J. Hinds 560, J. Cragg 486, R. Ouellette 478.

SENIOR CITIZENS

1. Flowers by Josie.....69%
2. Larry & Joan's.....65
3. Cornell Inn.....64
4. Great Lakes.....63%
5. ProMax.....56%
6. Grayling Restaurant.....56
7. R & H Sports.....48%
8. Chemical Bank.....41

High Series: E. Wilde 550, J. Gerhart 532, G. Wolfe 519.

High Game: E. Wilde 244, J. Gerhart 205, G. Wolfe 198.

High Series: B. Cline 514, D. Bellanger 513, T. Murray 513, M. Frankenfield 428.

High Game: D. Bellanger 200, M. Frankenfield 181, T. Murray 179.

NATIONAL 1st DIV.

1. Eagles 3465.....68
2. Red Barn.....66
3. Budweiser.....64
4. Carlisle Paddles.....63
5. Legion Lounge.....59
6. Dan & Maggie's.....55%
7. Spike's Keg-O-Nails.....45%
8. Bear's Country Inn.....45

High Series: G. Wolfe 580, L. Wood 538, B. Pryor 525.

High Game: G. Wolfe 227, L. Wood 203, B. Pryor 198.

PIONEER LEAGUE

1. Main Street Florals.....34
2. Dawsons.....31
3. Northern National Bank.....30
4. Skip's Sport Shop.....27
5. Terry & Dave's 76.....25
6. Millkins Construction.....24
7. Avalanche.....19
8. Cornell Agency.....18

High Game: B. Pryor 211, S. Harney 201, B. Worden 193.

High Series: B. Pryor 561, N. Glasslee 546, S. Harney 517.

TRIANGLE LEAGUE

1. Airway Automation.....133
2. Davis Jewellers.....124
3. Jack the Tinner.....123
4. Straits Corp.....112%
5. Kamph's Trash & Gage.....111
6. Smock's Bombers.....110%
7. Parsons Advertising.....101%
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High Game: J. Smock 258, 211, G. Wolfe 221, B. Cinciala 205.

High Series: J. Smock 555, G. Wolfe 618, K. Moore 526.

AMERICAN 1st DIV.

1. Helsel Firewood.....29
2. R & H Sports.....26
3. Arrowhead Inn.....24
4. Carol's Mobil.....24
5. Moose Lodge.....20%
6. Rons Aulton Ser.....19
7. Glen's Market.....16
8. Holiday Inn.....9%

High Game: D. Canfield 218 & 209, J. Anthony 190, D. Bendig 189.

High Series: D. Canfield 619, K. Korhonen 517, R. Case 515.

RECREATION LEAGUE

1. John's Hallmark.....73
2. Legion Rollers.....71%
3. Grayling Power.....69
4. Sawmill.....63%
5. Spikes Keg O'Nails.....62
6. Timberview Village.....60%
7. Grayling Judo Club.....60%
8. Krumei Beverage.....58%
9. Oxbow Club.....55%
10. Bay City Times.....52%
11. Terry's Sport Center.....52%
12. Scher Motors.....52
13. Bear's Country Inn.....52
14. Grayling State Bank.....49
15. Airway Automation.....49
16. R & H Sports.....47

High Game: S. Hoffman 207, L. Miller 206, R. Ouellette 199.

High Series: S. Hoffman 535, J. Yoder 514, R. Ouellette 510.

Attention Kids Grades K - 6

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Movie Night, April 26, 1985 at 7:00. We will have refreshments and a fun filled evening. .75¢ per person. Hope to see you there!

Bits O' Talk

A daughter, Jamie Elizabeth, was born to Jackie Williams and James Walker on Thursday, March 28, 1985 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She weighed in at 9 lbs. 1½ ozs. and was 21" long. Grandparents are John and Thelma Sutherland of Gladwin. Jamie is a 5th generation girl on her mothers' side.

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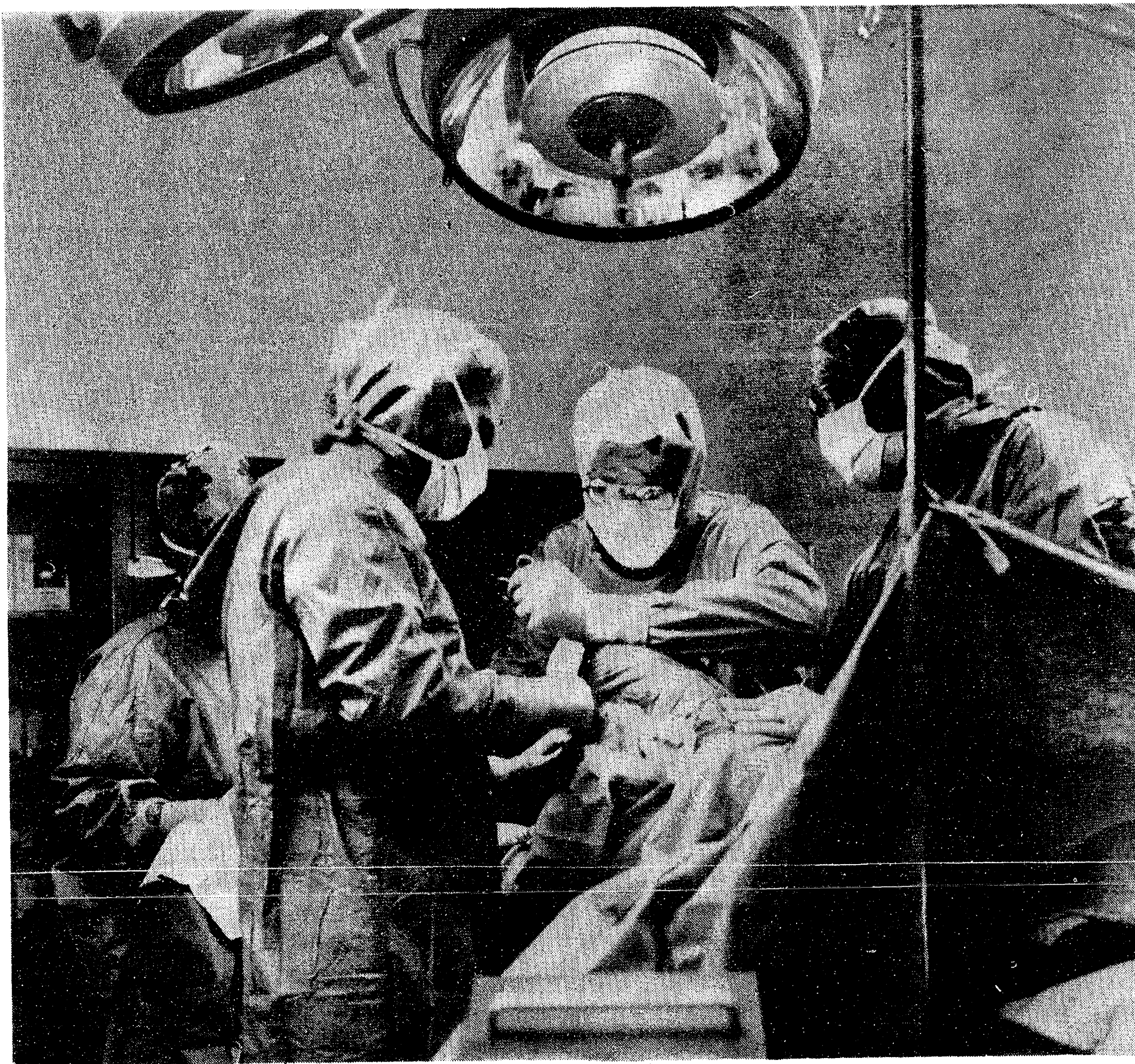
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Grayling Mercy Hospital

April — Our 75th Year of Caring



John Thiel, D.O. (left), and Robert Halter, D.O. (center), during surgery to replace a patient's entire knee joint. Mercy Hospital recently purchased an arthroscope for orthopedic surgeries involving cartilage removal and other procedures involving repair of the knee joint. Doc-

tors Thiel and Halter perform 30 to 40 surgeries a month at Mercy Hospital. Also shown in the cover photo is Dennis Borowiak (far right), surgical head nurse and Pam Schnaidt, O.R. technician (far left).

Inside . . .

- Mercy Celebrates 75th.
- 500 Club Initiated
- Sr. Frances Marie Gerhard RSM Appointed Pres. of SMHC
- Mercy Develops Community Services

Mercy Hospital Just One Of 23 Hospitals in SMHC Network

The Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation (SMHC), of which Grayling Mercy Hospital is a division, reported assets of \$979 million in their annual report for fiscal year ending June 30, 1984. This was a net increase in assets of \$9 million over the previous year.

There are 23 hospitals in the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation in the states of Michigan, Iowa and Indiana (see illustration). The corporation holds management contracts on eight additional hospitals. Total bed compliment of the 23 hospitals is 5,370, and over 20,000 individuals are employed by SMHC.

The Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation is sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, Province of Detroit. The Province of Detroit constitutes one of nine provinces functioning under the National Office of Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Union in Silver Springs, Maryland. SMHC is the largest not-for-profit hospital corporation in the United States.

The Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation became incorporated in 1976. Previously, the hospitals had been managed under five separate corporations and were very autonomous. With the increased awareness of the benefits derived from shared service arrangements, the corporation became convinced of the opportunity for strengthening its members, thus realigned into a single corporation. Each division (hospital) maintained its own identity and continued to determine its own organizational structure and delivery system; local boards were formed with significant governance authority.

A further modification in the corporate structure occurred in 1984 when six subsidiary corporations organized under one umbrella holding company, Mercy Health Services. The restructuring came as a direct result of recommendations made by the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation structure study conducted in 1982.

The primary objectives of the new holding company are to provide the organization with flexibility in meeting the challenges of the future in

providing high-quality, cost-effective health care services and to strengthen the Catholic health care ministry of the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Mercy Health Services will improve the strategic planning, enhance financial strength and establish a network of subsidiaries that will integrate the health care mission and goals of the Province. Initially, the network consists of six subsidiaries:

1. **Accord Insurance Company, Ltd.** is a subsidiary that reinsures professional and general patient liability. It also assesses future insurance needs of MHS, and provides liability programs for medical staffs in hospitals in the system; its services are available to other Catholic health care sponsors.

2. **Mercy Collaborative** is a MHS subsidiary established to work with religious congregations and Catholic health care organizations by providing management consulting services and contracts. Sister Mary Maurita Sengelaub, R.S.M., the newly elected president of Collaborative said, "Our goal is to make available a full range of options for strengthening religious ownership and sponsorship to other Catholic health care organizations and institutions throughout the nation. These may include sponsorship, corporate governance, management services, consultation services regarding mergers, acquisitions, lease, and joint ventures."

3. **Mercy Health Foundation** will support MHS through organized and ongoing fund development efforts, such as philanthropy and grant application. Sister Mary Yvonne Gellise, RSM, has been selected as president of this subsidiary.

4. **Mercy Services for Aging**, headed by Sister Mary Kelly, RSM, president, will provide programs and services for the aging. "Our primary concern will be to encourage a long overdue responsive understanding of the problems of the aged, their needs, and how we can meet those needs," Sister Mary Kelly said.

5. **MERSCO, INC.** was incorporated as a not-for-profit subsidiary corpora-

tion to provide information systems, management engineering, and management support services to selected hospitals in the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation. It will now service MHS subsidiaries and other health care clients. Michael Madden, chief executive officer of Mt. Carmel Hospital (Detroit), is president of this subsidiary.

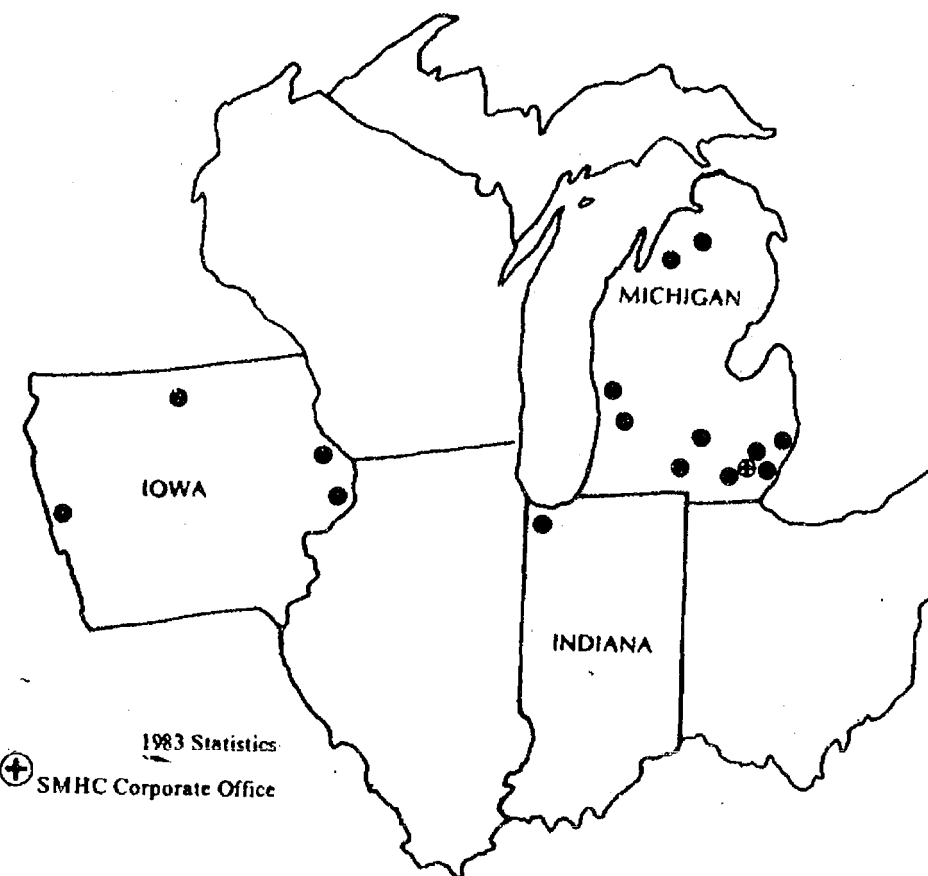
6. **Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation**, the major subsidiary, is a multi-state system of hospitals and health services.

Edward J. Connors, former president of the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation, has been appointed first president of MHS. Mr. Connors had been president of SMHC since its in-

ception in 1976. Prior to that he had been administrator of the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor, and the University of Wisconsin Medical Center, Madison, Wisconsin. He was a professor in hospital administration programs at both universities, and is recognized nationwide as a leader in the health care field.

Sister Frances Marie Gerhard, RSM, was appointed new president of SMHC, replacing Mr. Connors. Sister Frances had been the vice president of the Iowa/Indiana Region, and in recent months had directed the Eastern Mercy Health Network project.

She also served as Chief Executive Officer at St.



The Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation has hospitals in three states.

Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and held nursing leadership positions at Leila Hospital in Battle Creek and at Mercy Hospital in Port Huron. Sister Frances holds a Master's Degree in Hospital Administration from the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Connors said, "MHS will not be an operating organization, nor will it make operating decisions

for its subsidiaries, since each will have its own officers and board." "We shall, however, initially address and improve strategic planning throughout our system, work to strengthen the not-for-profit Catholic health ministry, and bend our resources, even more than before, in the direction of actualizing health care as a basic human right."



Mr. Edward Connors, President of Mercy Health Services, a recently formed holding company for the SMHC hospital chain.



Sister Frances Marie Gerhard, RSM, President of The Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation headquartered in Farmington, Michigan.

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Hospitals in Midst of Changes

Hospitals are in the midst of a transformation. Some hospital employees and outsiders think that hospitals are in trouble. They see dwindling admissions, shorter lengths-of-stay, staff reductions and complete sections of hospitals closing.

Grayling Mercy Hospital is no different from any other hospital in the country. Mercy has closed 2-Main, a 28-bed unit of the hospital; laid off 50 employees and is currently operating 13 percent below expected inpatient levels. Mercy Hospital budgeted for 65 percent occupancy and the average hospital inpatient level was 52 percent for the first eight months of the budget year (July 1 through June 30). Long Term Care Unit occupancy remains high.

The immediate response is to conclude that Mercy Hospital is in trouble. However, the above figures reflect only inpatient services. In the past, filled beds were the indicator of a hospital's good financial performance. This is no

longer true. Sister Mary Ellen Howard, RSM, president and chief executive officer at Mercy, said, "As we attempt to broaden our base by developing new and expanded services, and as the health care delivery system changes, an entirely new method for gauging performance will evolve."

The community needs to look at its hospital from a broader perspective. Hospitals are changing from inpatient, acute care facilities to 'health care providers.' This is an important transformation of which the public needs to be aware," said the hospital administrator.

Future hospitals will be specialized and inpatients will be only those who require highly skilled care. Communities with more than one hospital will see them transformed into specialized facilities in areas such as obstetrics, surgical, etc. The hospitals will continue to extend care in other areas, but at minimal levels. Also, only patients who are seriously

ill will be admitted to the hospital. Less serious patients will be housed in non-acute care settings, e.g. nursing homes, half-way facilities, or perhaps even at home. More and more patients are being treated on an ambulatory basis.

How does this apply to Mercy Hospital? A look at February 1985 admissions reveals a decline of 45 over the same month a year prior. But, there were 10 more admissions in pediatrics and 14 more in obstetrics over February of 1984. The new MercyCare Clinic, the after-hours service developed last November for minor injuries and illnesses, had 550 visits in just three months of operation. The ambulatory surgery program developed one year ago increased utilization of the surgery department substantially. In the eight-month period, beginning July 1, 1984, 900 surgeries were performed at Mercy Hospital. This is an increase of 75 over the previous eight-month period last year. Three

hundred and seventy-nine of these surgeries were done in the one-day ambulatory surgery program.

These are important comparisons. They are the indicators which future hospital managers will be looking at when calculating performance.

Another by-product of declining admissions is staff reductions. This phenomena is happening all over the country. In fact, Glen Richards, field editor for Hospitals magazine, August 16, 1984 predicted "lay-offs will affect every hospital in the nation within a very short time...That may be a bold assumption, but the reports from around the country suggest that hospital lay-offs are widespread." Richards cited sharp declines in patient census as the reason.

The article continued. "Hospitals are streamlining their staffs to fit decreased work loads.

They are experiencing declining admissions and average lengths-of-stay. American Hospital Association (AHA) data show admissions nationwide declined 3.4 percent in the first quarter of 1984 compared to first quarter of 1983 in which a 1.6 percent increase was recorded." A Michigan Hospital Association report puts Michigan lay-offs at 6,000 in 1984.

On the financial side, because admissions are down, so are expenses. Combined expenses for the 90-bed acute care hospital and the 40-bed Long Term Care facility were \$80,000 below expected levels for the first seven months of the fiscal year. However, because admissions were 13 percent below expected levels, anticipated revenues were \$276,000 below budget. Therefore, the hospital is showing an operating loss of approximately \$200,000 for the

seven month period.

Julie Nankervis, controller, said a budget adjustment is currently being made which is more realistic. "We budgeted for more admissions, therefore, our revenues are down. Also, we did not incur expenses for the patients we expected but did not get. Unfortunately, we did staff and plan expenses for more inpatients than we are experiencing and this accounts for our deficit.

Ms. Nankervis explained, however, expenses and revenue will be brought in line by the end of the fiscal year. "We expect expenses and revenue to balance by June 30," she said. "We will make an adjustment in the current budget to reflect lower admissions. This will allow us to make corresponding adjustments in other budget areas such as supplies and scheduling that will reflect the true economic picture," she concluded.



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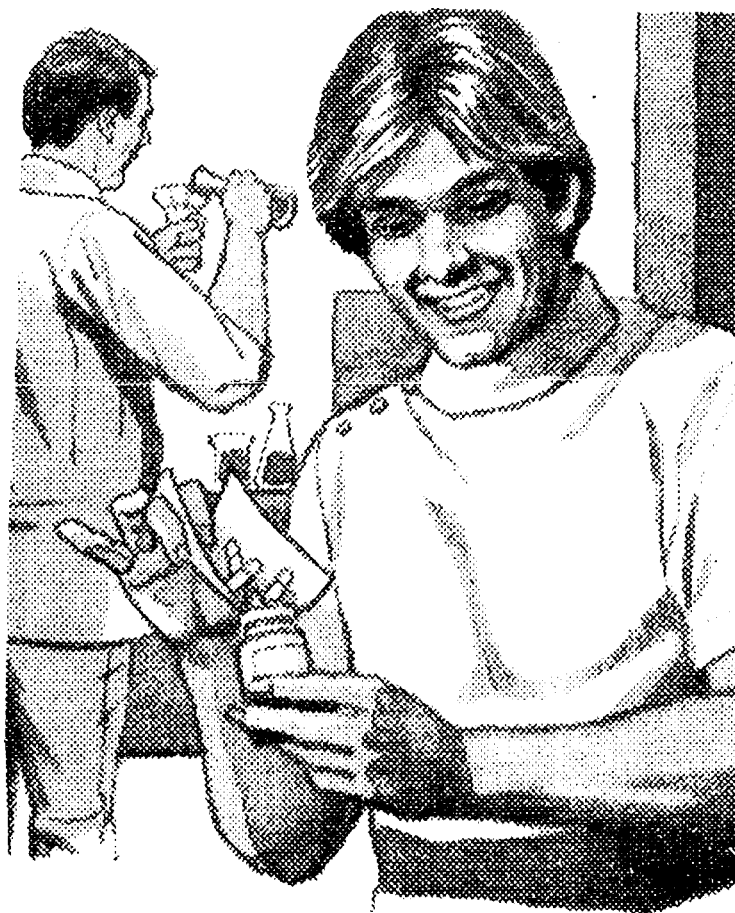
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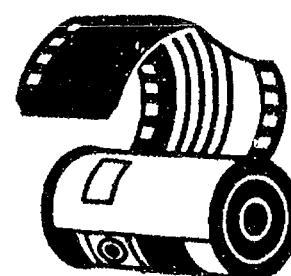
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Mercy Hospital Ready To Meet Growth Needs

A strengthening factor for any hospital is population growth. Mercy Hospital, situated in the center of Crawford County, is in an area of expanding population. The article below, written by Walter Nowak, executive director of the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce, indicates in fact that Crawford County is one of the fastest growing counties in Michigan. In the 5-year period from 1985 to 1990, Crawford County is predicted to grow from a population of 10,819 in 1985 to 12,225.

Roscommon County is expected to increase its population from 18,102 in 1985 to 20,145 in 1990, according to Roy Spangler, Michigan State Cooperative Extension Director for Roscommon County. Mr. Spangler said the amazing thing about these figures is that historically, at least for Roscommon and Craw-

ford counties, the predictions have been below actual growth rates. "The 1970 to 1980 projected population growth for Roscommon County was 6,000 below the actual growth that occurred during that period," Mr. Spangler said.

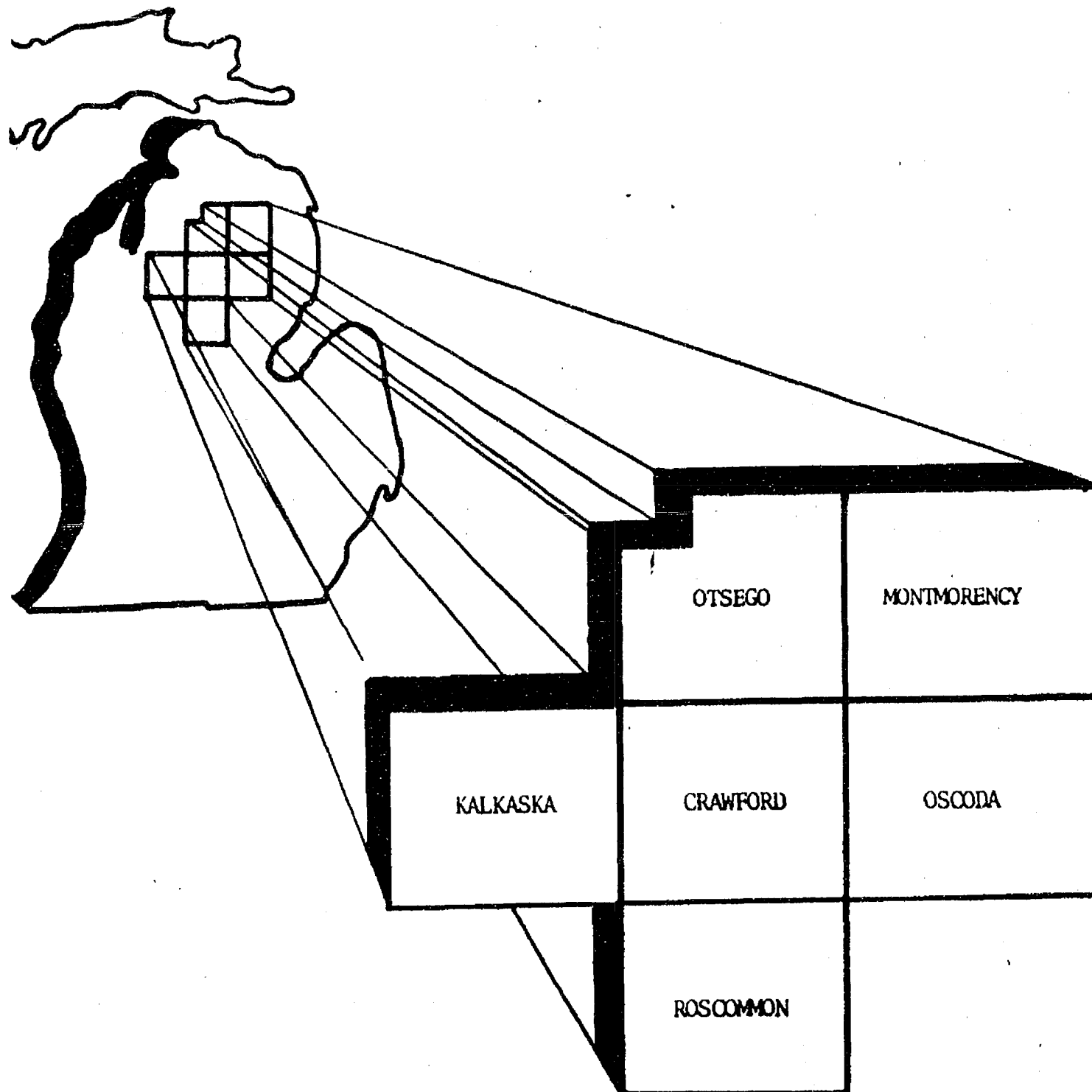
If the figures are correct, the combined increase in population for Crawford and Roscommon counties will be 3,449 people, which is greater than the current population of the City of Grayling.

Grayling Mercy Hospital is ready to meet the needs of its expanding community. In 1983, two obstetrician/gynecologists, Brian W. Fox, M.D. and David A. Rivera, M.D., joined the staff of Mercy Hospital; William R. Epler, M.D., ophthalmologist, began doing eye surgery at Mercy in September of 1984; Robert L. Halter, D.O., and John M.

Thiel, D.O., opened an office in Grayling and are doing orthopedic surgery at Mercy Hospital. Current efforts are underway to recruit a urologist and pediatrician, as well as additional primary care physicians.

Mercy Hospital developed an Ambulatory Surgery Program in February of 1984. In an 11-month period, 562 patients utilized the program. According to Kathy Parkinson, ambulatory surgery head nurse, the program is growing daily, "I wouldn't be surprised to see the program double over the next year," she said.

Tomlin Rosi, M.D., and K. Ramaswamy, M.D., general surgeons, have had marked increases in their number of surgeries. In the first eight months of the current fiscal year, the two surgeons have performed 482 surgeries.



The primary service area covers six counties, all or in part, for a total of 44,000 persons. Outreach programs being developed by Mercy will help broaden the service area and increase market share.

Crawford and Roscommon Counties Seen as Major Growth Areas in State

By Walt Nowak

An Economic Development Program is a locally initiated planning process designed to create employment opportunities and faster, more stable and more diversified local economies, to improve local conditions, and to provide a mechanism for guiding and coordination of efforts of local individuals and organizations concerned with the economic development of the community it serves.

Having said that, then the task at hand is to analyze our current and past efforts to develop goals and statistics and apply them to our future planning. In this method of planning we must reflect growth projections, the basis of which usually is population figures. In the case of Mercy Hospital which is charged with providing health care services

for those in need, a continuing process of updating programs to fill those needs is recommended.

Taking into account that the population of Crawford County in 1960 was at a low of 4,971, in 1970 the census had increased to 6,482 or a growth of 30.4 percent for that decade. The population census for the next decade showed a phenomenal growth of 46.0 percent, totaling 9,464 people in 1980. The strategic position of Crawford County in central northern lower Michigan and ease of accessibility via Interstate 75 and U.S. 27 has made it a prime development location. Future population projections are estimated at 10,819 for the year 1985 and 12,225 for 1990. The growth between 1980-1990 is projected at a 29.2 percent increase. The decade of 1990/

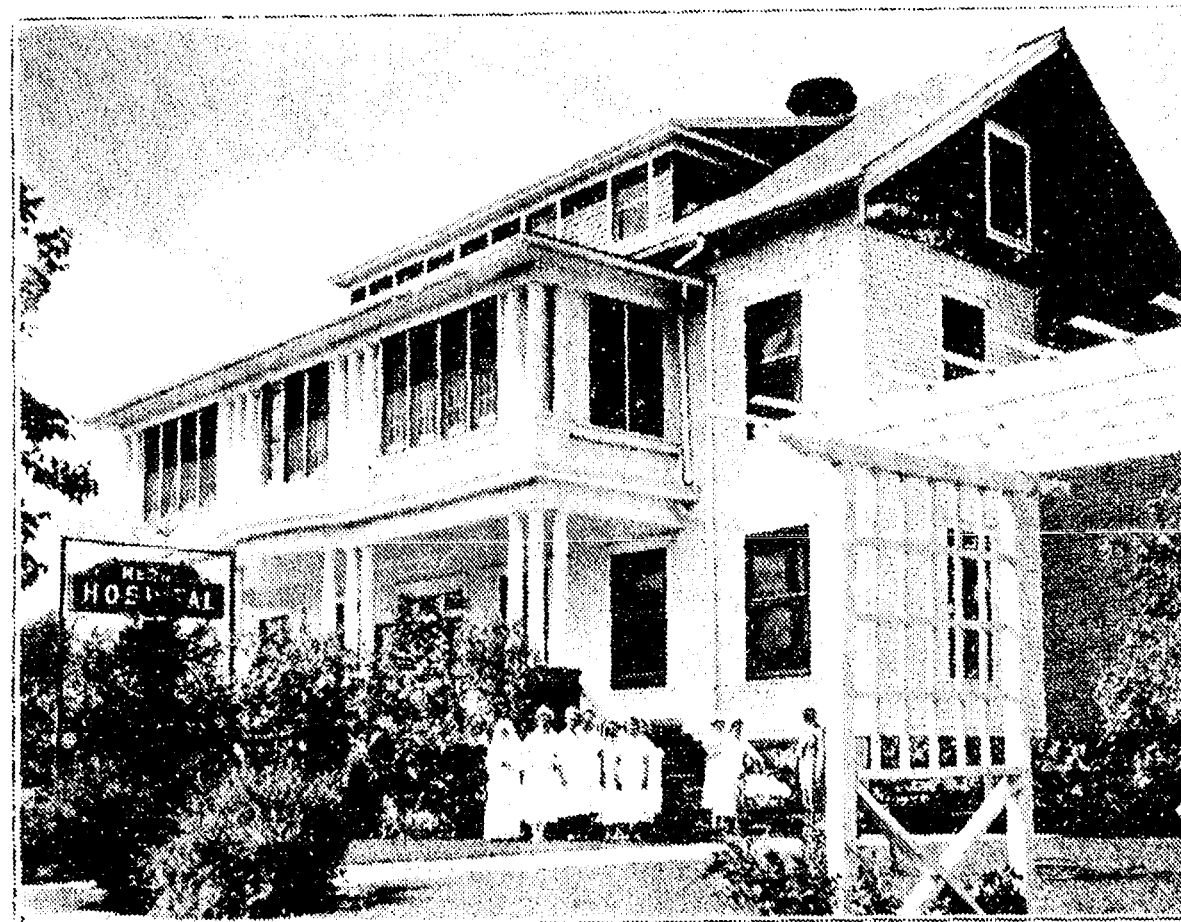
2000 is estimated to be 14,854 or another 21.5 percent growth.

While movement of people from one area to another can be attributed to variety of political, social, religious and cultural factors, the prime motivating force of migration in the United States since World War II has almost always been economic in nature. Job opportunities and wage levels highly influence migration patterns. Recently, however, some economists have theorized that jobs are created where the people are, indicating the importance of the "Quality of Life" factor in locational decisions by business and industry. To that extent, migration patterns may develop along the trend of where people want to live, not where the jobs are.

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One Thousand Dollars Raised from Mercy Hospital M.A.S.H. Play

Grayling Mercy Hospital performed the M.A.S.H. play on February 23 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium before a sell-out crowd. The play, organized by the Public Relations Department of the hospital, raised over \$1,000 for the hospital which was used toward the purchase of a large screen television for the residents in the Long Term Care Facility.

There were 29 cast members most of whom were hospital employees and family members. Richard Wadsworth, station manager at WGRY, a local AM radio station, directed the play.

Mr. Wadsworth was initially concerned about getting all 29 individuals together for rehearsal, since they all had jobs and

other responsibilities. "It was wonderful how they all pulled together in the last couple of weeks to pull the play off," he said. "They did a superb job, and I commend them on their efforts."

Deryl Holmes, director of public relations at Mercy Hospital, said the play was a pilot project. "We were looking for a way to raise money for the hospital and provide a social activity for employees as well. The play seemed like it might fill the bill. Never in my wildest dreams, however, did I expect the success we had," said Holmes.

According to Mr. Holmes, a play will be an annual fund raiser for the hospital. Next year there will be two play performances and more ac-

tivities will be planned for the party that follows.

Over 250 people attended the "M.A.S.H. Bash" held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling where guests ate, danced and were entertained by music from the 1950's provided by station employees of WQON, the local FM radio station. Cast members received humorous academy awards from local critic, Irving McIsaac; nine M.A.S.H. gifts were raffled off.

"Winters are cold and long in northern Michigan, and the M.A.S.H. play was just what the hospital and the community needed to cure the boredom," said Mr. Holmes. "Next year we hope to raise even more money for the hospital and give an even better performance," he said.



Rosemary Shirkey, who played "Radar" in Mercy Hospital's M.A.S.H. play. The play drew 500 people to the one-night performance, February 23, 1985. Mark Cook, who played Sergeant Devine is shown in the background.

Survey Shows Patients Want to Come Back To Mercy Hospital

Fifty-six out of 57 patients who returned a satisfaction survey to Grayling Mercy Hospital said they would return to the hospital should they ever need hospitalization again. The survey was given to every inpatient discharged from Mercy Hospital. According to Jim Packard, vice president of marketing and planning, patients were asked to complete the questionnaire at home and return it by mail. Approximately 10 percent of the questionnaires were returned.

The questionnaire covers quality of patient care, admitting and billing procedures, ancillary services, dietary, pastoral care, and a number of other areas. The purpose is to ensure quality of services and to identify areas for improvement.

Mr. Packard said the responses were very positive. "Our patients are

pleased with the care and the treatment they have received at Mercy Hospital," he said.

An interesting statistic revealed by the questionnaire was that approximately one-third of the respondents indicated they personally selected Mercy Hospital for their hospitalization. Mr. Packard said this has significant importance to us. It tells us the physicians and the emergency room are not the only influences on admissions, but that people are evaluating hospitals themselves and making

decisions to be hospitalized at Mercy.

For purposes of planning and marketing, this is an important piece of information. The public is watching and making decisions that previously were made for them by physicians. We need to inform the public regarding our services and our facility so that patients who need hospitalization will come our direction, Mr. Packard said. "We need to be sensitive to those factors identified by persons in our service area which influence their choice of a hospital," he concluded.

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Sister Hospitals Plan Five-Year Strategies

A joint planning task force has been established between Grayling Mercy Hospital and Cadillac Mercy Hospital in an effort to identify and develop strategies for the future. Both hospitals belong to the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation (SMHC) headquartered in Farmington, Michigan.

Early this year, both hospitals sent representatives to meet and discuss common concerns. Each hospital was represented by members from their divisional board, medical staff and administrative staff. The task of the group was to complete a five-year plan for provision of health care services to northern Michigan. Sister Mary Ellen Howard, CEO, Grayling Mercy Hospital, said, "we looked at where we want to be five years from now and then mapped out strategies to get there."

An important direction came out of the meeting: If both hospitals are to prosper, they must together meet the challenges

"... sharing resources with our sister hospital will give us advantages few hospitals enjoy."
—Sister Mary Ellen

of growing competition between health care providers. "We are planning survival strategies; sharing resources with our sister hospital will give us advantages few hospitals enjoy," said Sister Mary Ellen.

Speaking to the members of the Michigan Catholic Health Association last September, keynote speaker Reverend Anthony Kosnik said, "the proliferation of Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), Preferred Provider Arrangements (PPAs) and changing government reimbursements for Medicare patients has made it clear that competition is the name of the game from now on."

Competition means the survival of the fittest, and "if we are to survive, we need to be strong, and to build cooperative linkages with other hospitals," said Sister Mary Ellen.

Grayling and Cadillac already share laundry services, fiscal services and lab services. These programs have worked out well and have resulted in cost savings for both hospitals.

Mercy Grayling and Mercy Cadillac serve 11 counties in northern lower Michigan. The combined population of the 11 counties is 112,000. Growth projections of 1.7 percent are predicted over the next five years.

The thrust of the collaborative efforts between the two hospitals will be to strengthen the Mercy presence in the areas they serve. The plans include diversification into health related enterprises and expansion of outpatient services in surgery, mental health, wellness, and geriatrics.

If both hospitals are to prosper, they must together meet the challenges of growing competition between health care providers.

Diversion Therapy Offers Total Care Package

In 1850, the average length of life in the United States was a little over 38 years. By 1956 the average had increased to 69.7 years; and by 1968 to 70.2 years. Thus, far greater proportions of the expanding population are living to reach advanced age. Therefore, it is necessary for us to ask ourselves, "What do I have to offer aging and aged persons?"

The Diversional Therapy program at Mercy Hospital operates on the assumption that "Man" is a total blending of the various aspects of life: physical, psychological, and social. That is why so much attention is given to the Activities Program and what it has to offer. We believe that effective

care cannot be obtained unless all three aspects of life are a part of the total care package. A total program accepts the challenge of remotivation of the desire to live.

Many specific activities are offered in Diversional Therapy which encompass several aspects of life activity areas. For example, recreational activities such as bingo, card games, and checkers are participated in by residents on a weekly basis. Outings, such as trips out to lunch at a local restaurant offer the resident an opportunity to mainstream and be a part of our community. Attendance to special events, such as the Celebration of Lights at Christmas are

available to our residents via Dial-A-Ride. Arts and Crafts are available to the resident on a daily basis.

Other treatment programs that encourage restoration to self-care include: Religious services, both Catholic and Protestant; audiovisual presentations; cooking and baking; current events; wheelchair square dancing; discussion groups; educational classes; entertainment; exercise; hobbies; lectures and demonstrations; literature; music therapy; pet therapy; parties; and conversation therapy.


The potential activities available to residents provide pleasure, happiness, and companionship for the resident.



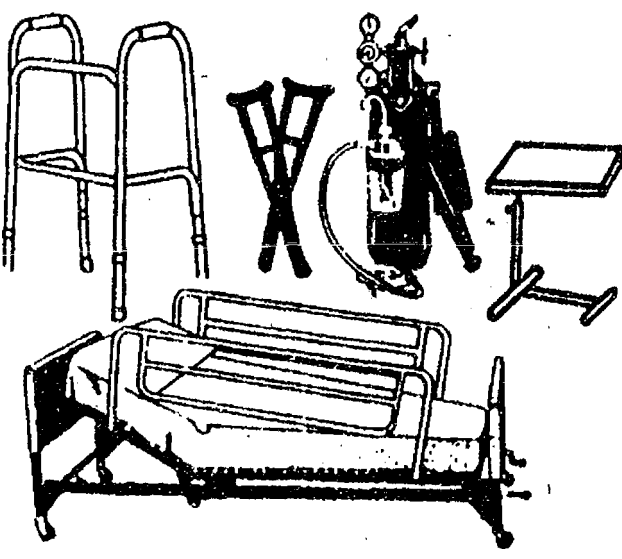
A significant era in the history of Grayling Mercy Hospital ended last year when Dr. Vernon Blaha and Dr. B.E. Henig retired from medical practice. Both physicians had dedicated their lives to Mercy Hospital and the thousands of patients they served over the years. It is only fitting in Mercy's 75th year of existence these two fine surgeons be recognized for their role in making Mercy Hospital what it is today.

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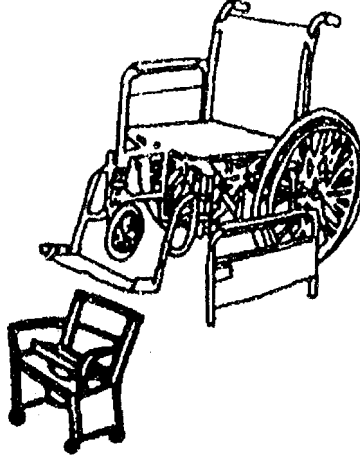
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Sister Mary Stella, RSM, breaking ground in 1958 for the new hospital at 1100 Michigan Avenue.



1911 photo of Mercy Hospital



Dr. Keyport and Sr. Mary Stella, RSM making plans for the new hospital which was eventually built in 1959.



1939 Photo of Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital —

In April 1911, Grayling Mercy Hospital opened its doors to "serve the sick and injured in northern Michigan." The first hospital was built by logging barons as a tribute to the lumbermen of Michigan.

The site of the first Grayling Mercy Hospital was North McClellan Street in Grayling [the AuSable Motel, across from St. Mary's Catholic Church, now occupies the ground where the first hospital stood). It was a 30-bed facility which, according to Rasmus Hanson, a local lumberman and principal donor in the project, 'was to stand as a monument erected by the lumbermen of northern Michigan to relieve the physical evils and suffering of humanity,' as reported in the first Mercy Hospital annual report.

The first hospital stood for 48 years until 1959, when the facility on Michigan Avenue was built. The new building had accommodations for 48 patients. In 1970, the 40-bed, Long Term Care Unit was added to the hospital. A \$10 million dollar renovation project in 1980 brought the hospital to its present bed compliment of 90 acute care beds and 40

long term care beds.

The Order of The Sisters of Mercy, established in 1831 by Catherine McAuley in Dublin Ireland, has always owned and managed the hospital. It was Rasmus Hanson, wealthy Grayling lumberman; Dr. Oscar Palmer, local physician and owner of the Avalanche newspaper; Charles W. Ward, lumberman from Lovells, and Dr. Stanley N. Insley, a physician in Grayling since 1895, who provided most of the money and land to build the first hospital.

Mr. Hanson stated it was his "earnest wish and desire to place the hospital under the management of the Sisters of Mercy—an order noted the world over for its successful care of the sick and wounded."

A 1916 annual report for Mercy Hospital states: "The Order of the Sisters of Mercy has for one of its principle objects the care of the sick poor, but no thinking persons would suggest that this can be accomplished without means or money."

The cost of the first hospital was set at \$25,000. Mr. Hanson spearheaded a fund raising drive which raised over \$22,000. Con-

tributions were received from other individuals, volunteers and businesses. The 1916 report mentions its "indebtedness for donations of cash, services, clothing for the poor, vegetables, fruit, game, fish, provisions, bon-bons, shrubbery, plants, flowers, magazines, papers and furniture.

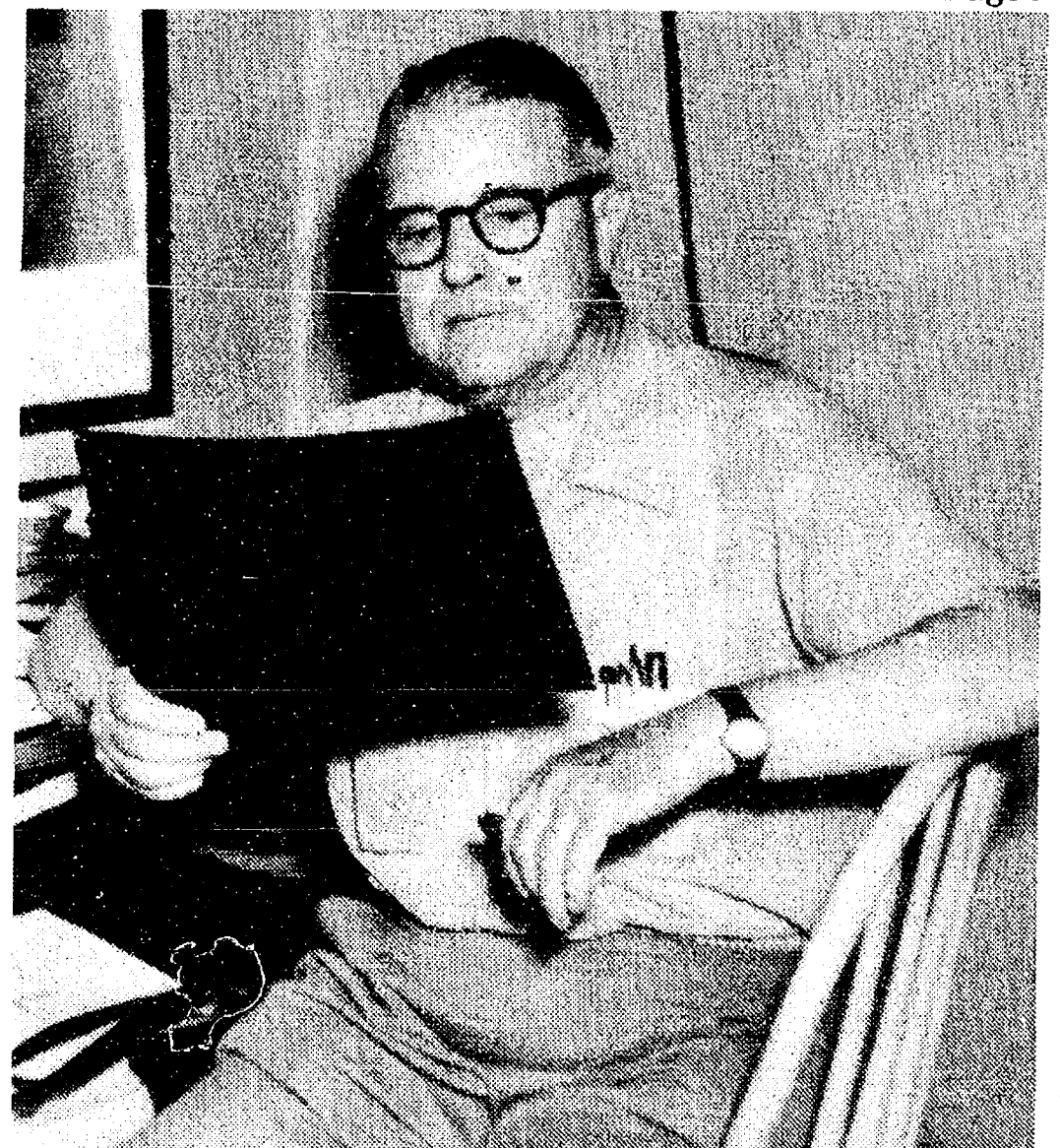
Donations have always played a key role in the history of Mercy Hospital. During the renovation project in 1980, \$500,000 was raised in the community. This was double what had been projected by a consulting firm who had studied the potential community support for the \$10 million project.

Mercy Hospital has remained, and will remain, committed to the care of the sick poor. Total charity care for the first five years of operation was over \$8,000. In 1984 alone, the hospital extended nearly a quarter of a million dollars in charity care.

A major event in the history of Mercy Hospital came in July 1976, when 17 hospitals in three states, organized under five separate corporations, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, were consolidated into the Sisters of Mercy



Front row, left to right, Dr. Clippert, Sr. Mary Camella, Sr. Mary Stella, Sr. Mary Leo, Sr. Mary Lorraine, Sr. Mary Helen and Dr. Keyport. Back row, left to right, Lora Craven, Pauline Tufts, Elsie Larsen, Faye Matheson, Nina Fleming, Clarice Hill, Redda Randolph, Dorothy May, Violet Williams, Beth Deming and Dr. Green.



Dr. Clippert

75 Years of Caring

Health Corporation (SMHC). The headquarters for the corporation was established in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and the first president of the multi-hospital system was Mr. Edward Connors, a nationally recognized leader in health care administration.

It was believed that with the increased awareness of the benefits derived from shared service arrangements, the Sisters of Mercy should take advantage of the opportunity for concerted efforts, thus realigned the hospitals into a single corporation.

The variation in size and location of the hospitals within the system required that the corporation be flexible and able to accommodate diversity. The uniqueness of the structure has become SMHC's stronghold. Each division, or hospital, enjoys autonomy, yet has the advantage of being part of a larger system. SMHC is now the largest not-for-profit hospital corporation in the United States.

A fundamental principle designed for implementation in all hospitals in the corporation is the Integrated Governance and Management Process

(IGMP). The process represents a deliberate decision on how governance and management arrangements and programs can best facilitate the fulfillment of the philosophy and achievement of the mission of the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation. Three basic concepts of the process are collegiality, subsidiarity and accountability. These basic principles provide the framework for shared management and cooperation not only between hospitals, but between the management and the employees of each hospital.

What does this mean to the future of Mercy Hospital?

Mercy Hospital in Grayling will not only survive the challenges of a changing environment, but will prosper—not simply as an acute care facility dependent on inpatient bed utilization as it has been in the past, but as a 'health care provider.' Mercy Hospital is expanding its 'ambulatory services' and its provision of health and wellness programs. This expansion will ultimately lead to a broadening of Mercy's service base and corresponding strengthen-

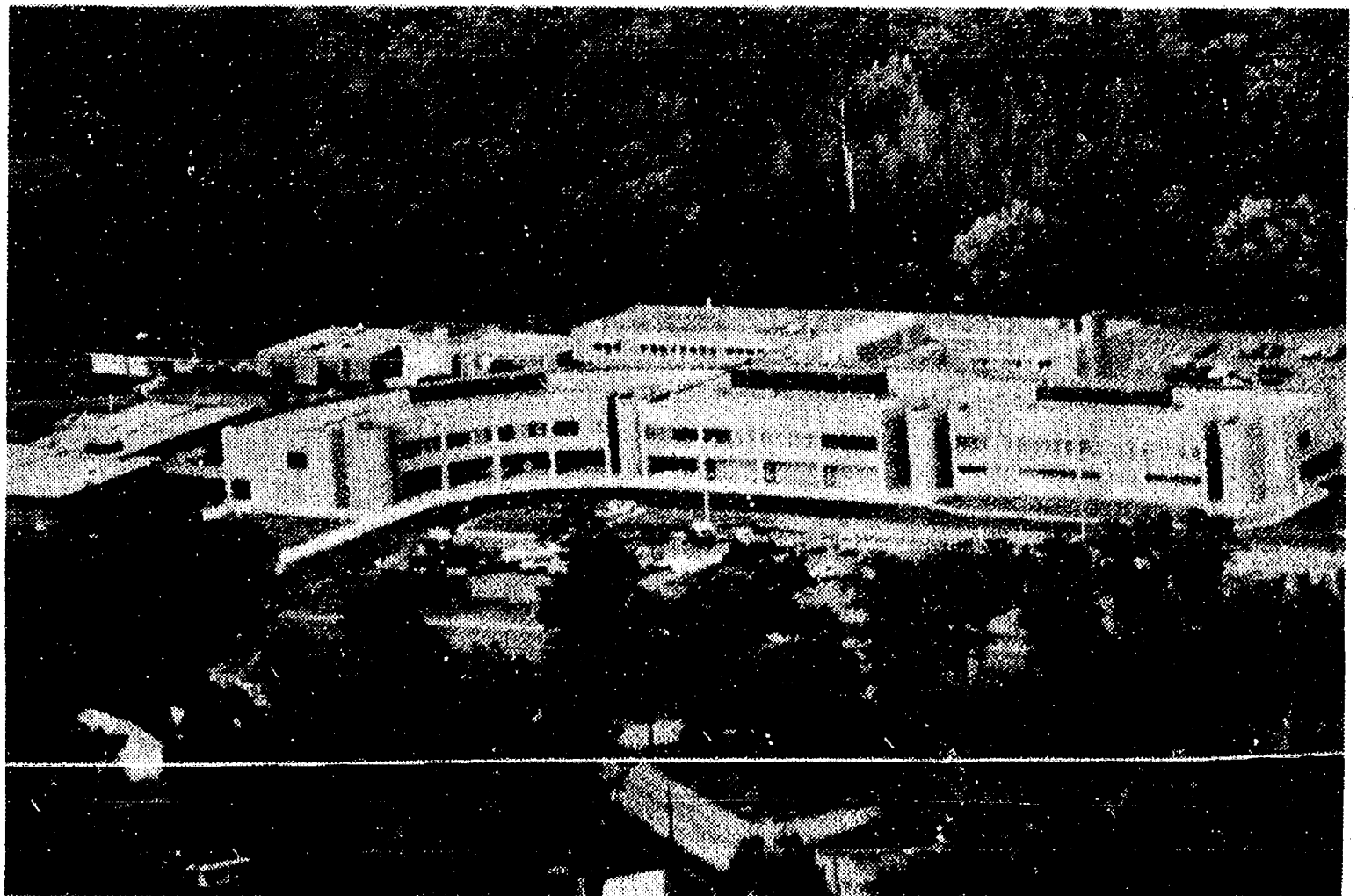
ing of its financial picture.

The future is bright for Mercy Hospital. The degree to which success is obtained will be predicated on utilization of services provided. Mercy Hospital's administrative staff has an obligation to develop needed services and programs. However, the success of the programs and the future of the hospital is founded in the use of the programs. If communities value their hospitals, they need to support them and use them. Mercy Hospital recognizes and is building on the strong support it has received from the counties it serves.

Sister Mary Ellen Howard, R.S.M., chief executive officer and president of Grayling Mercy Hospital said, "as we enter our 75th year, we are faced with the challenges of a nationwide health care system in flux. In an environment of changing government and private reimbursement policies, and increased pressure to develop a more efficient health care system, Mercy Hospital remains committed to its original philosophy of providing the finest health care available in northern Michigan."



Bishop J. Babcock (center) with Fr. Joseph Sokawski, Fr. Joseph Batteraby and Fr. Walter Grill in 1958 at the formal dedication of the new hospital.



Mercy Hospital today.



Melanie Green (left), diversional therapist, helps Long Term Care resident Mary Vivian with putting the final touches on one of the Loving Tender Care Dolls made by the staff and residents of the unit. The dolls are sold for \$50 and the proceeds used to purchase a large screen television for the unit.

Long Term Care Unit Raises Money

Melanie Green and Laura Stephenson employees of Mercy Hospital's Long Term Care unit have been working with residents in making dolls similar to the cabbage patch version to make money to purchase a large screen television for the patients in the unit.

Ms. Green said they have raised over \$1,000 from the project. "This money, together with the money raised from the M.A.S.H. play, gives us enough to

buy the television," she said. Plans are to have the television in the unit by the end of April.

The project has been so successful that Ms. Green said "we are going to continue to make the dolls as long as there is a demand for them. The dolls sell for \$50 and come complete with a birth certificate.

Ms. Green said anyone interested in "adopting" one of the Loving Tender Care newborns can contact her at 348-5461, ext. 117.

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— Melanie Green

Sports Medicine Clinic Initiated at Mercy

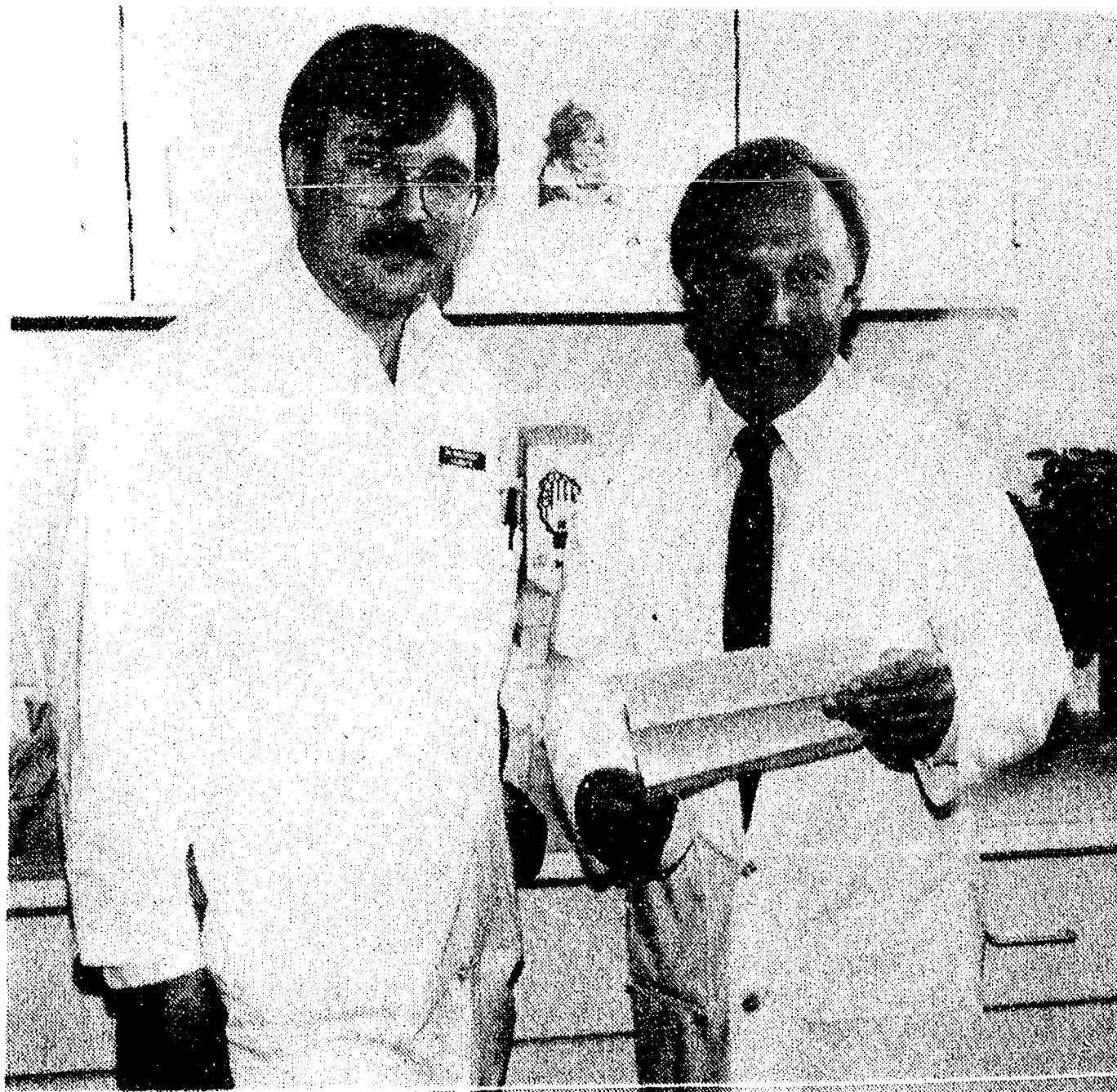
Sports Medicine, the treatment of injuries sustained in athletic activities, is a relatively new specialty. Mercy Hospital, under the direction of Dr. Charles VanderRoest, D.O. and Edward Yuiska, physical therapist, has initiated a sports medicine clinic in

Grayling.

The clinic is located in the MercyCare clinic at Grayling Mercy Hospital and is open Wednesdays only from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Mr. Yuiska explained the clinic is for anyone who has been injured while engaged in athletics or has

an injury that is restricting them from participating in an activity.

Patients will be seen in the clinic by appointment or through referrals from physicians. For an appointment or for more information call Mercy Hospital at 348-5461.



Dr. Charles VanderRoest (left), chief of emergency services, and Edward Yuiska, physical therapist, assess Sports Medicine program begun at Mercy April 10, 1985.

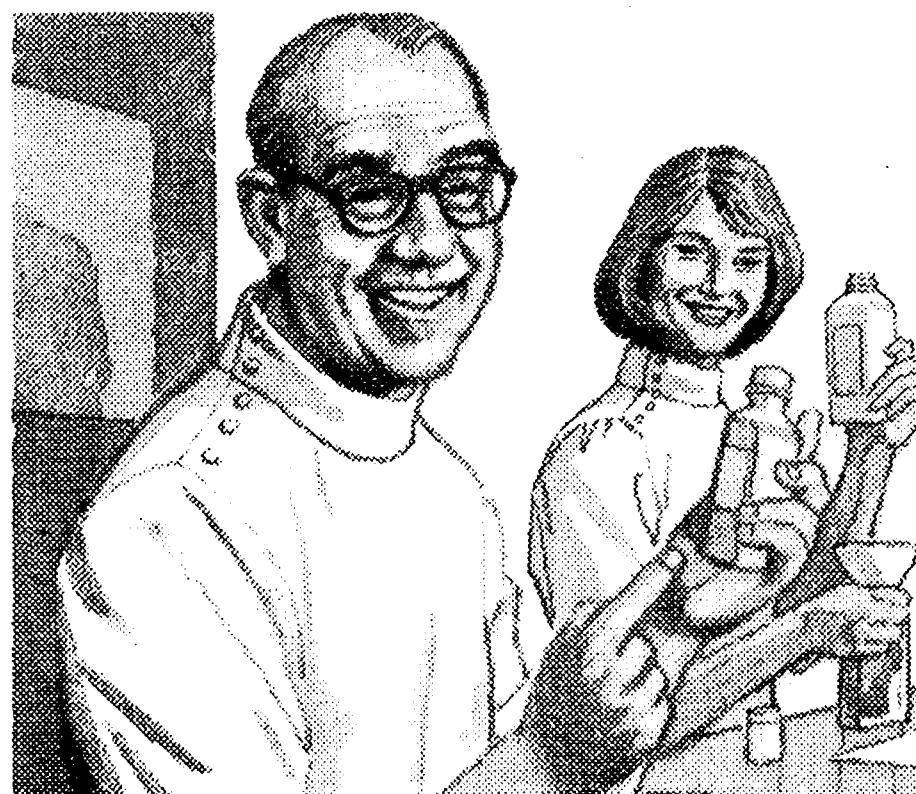
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Mercy Develops Community Service Programs

Pat Hanson joined the staff of Grayling Mercy Hospital in December 1984 as the community Services coordinator. Ms. Hanson's duties include assessing community health information and education program needs in the service area. Programs which build an awareness of good health habits and reduction of health risks in personal life styles is the main focus of program development.

Ms. Hanson has been a resident of Grayling since 1982. She holds a bachelors degree in social work from the University of Washington. Before moving to Grayling Ms. Hanson was employed as program administrator for youth employment and training for the State of Washington.

In just three months Ms. Hanson has made many key contacts in the community and laid the groundwork for several community programs such as on-site blood pressure screening, Medicare information forums for senior citizens, fitness assessment programs, stop smoking classes, and other programs designed to enhance awareness of personal health and wellness.

Ms. Hanson has already successfully completed a basic lifesaving program for young mothers, day care center employees and others with child care responsibility. Also, she is coordinating the blood pressure screening held the last Monday of every month at the hospital.

Mercy Hospital's service

area takes in all of Crawford and Roscommon counties and parts of Montmorency, Kalkaska, Oscoda and Otsego counties. Ms. Hanson will be developing programs which compliment the outreach focus of Mercy Hospital to outlying service areas. Programs developed will provide information (Medicare, home safety), screening of health risks (blood pressure), education on reduction of risks (stress management).

Ms. Hanson encourages anyone aware of health related needs not currently being addressed, or with ideas relating to what Mercy should be doing in the counties it serves, to give her a call at Mercy Hospital 348-5461, extension 120.



Pat Hanson, community service coordinator.

Mercy Grayling Shares Laundry Services with Mercy Cadillac

Discontinuing laundry service at Grayling Mercy Hospital will result in an annual savings to the hospital of over \$50,000. Gilbert Ruiz, vice president of operations, said it was a cost effective move for us and one that not only saves us money on labor, materials and utilities, but frees us from costly replacement of outdated laundry equipment. Mr. Ruiz said some of the present equipment is 10 years old and almost all of the equipment would have to be replaced over the next

two years at an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Mercy Grayling now trucks its laundry to Cadillac Mercy, a sister hospital 60 miles south of Grayling. Mr. Ruiz said Cadillac's laundry facility is far in advance of ours and is not functioning anywhere near capacity. The move has resulted in a corresponding savings for Mercy Cadillac.

Shared laundry services is a joint venture by the two hospitals. Both hospitals share any savings as a

result of the operation. Mr. Ruiz said, "we are very excited about the new program, and have future plans to expand the operation by contracting with other hospitals in northern Michigan."

The program was only started in February and things are moving smoothly. Initial savings were set at \$50,000, however, this was a conservative estimate. Actual savings could be greater, especially if we are able to acquire additional outside contracts, said Mr. Ruiz.



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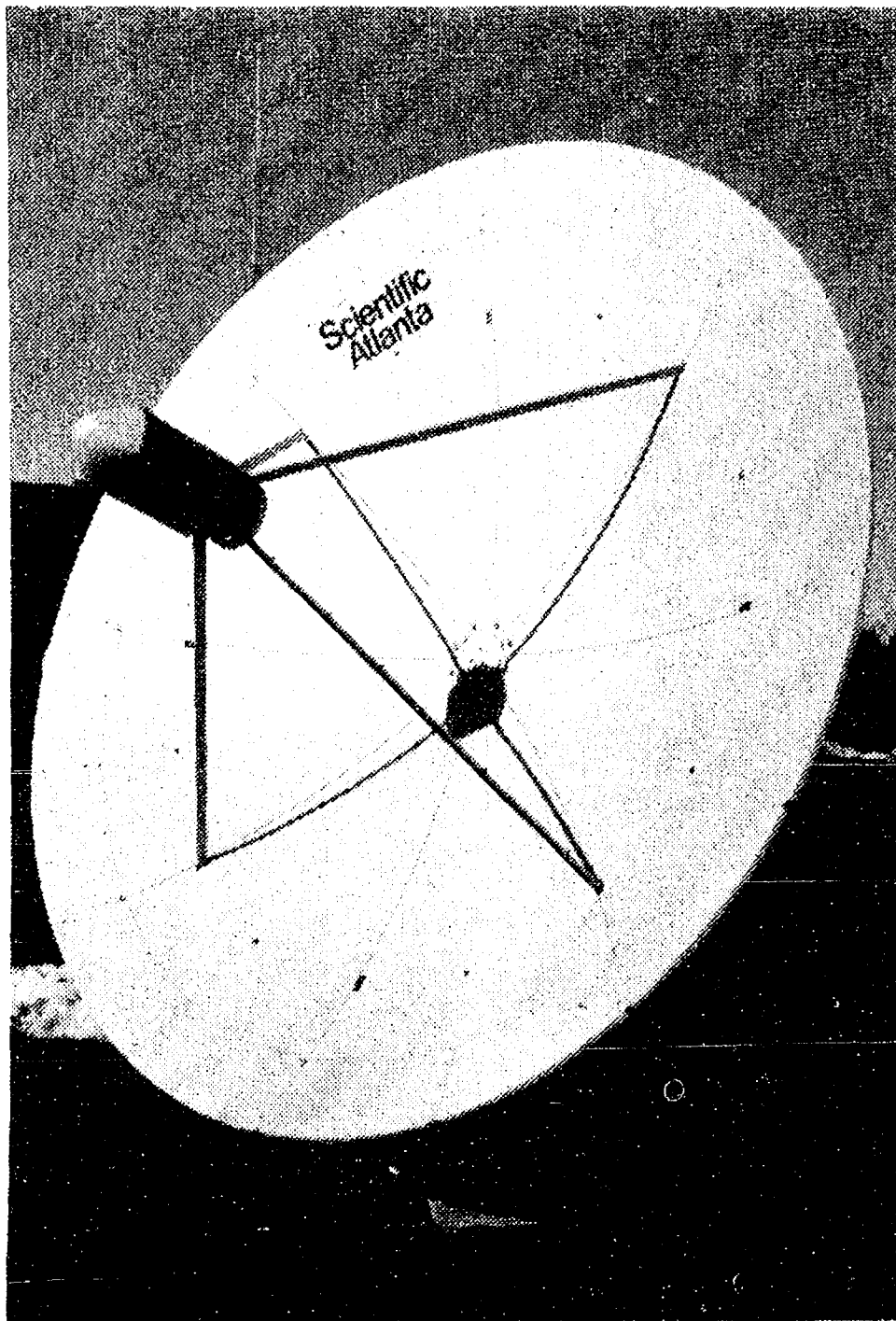
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Walt Neilson (left) maintenance department and Clifton "Kip" Papendick, director of maintenance demonstrate how the controls for turning the satellite dish and recording programs work. Many programs are taped for later viewing by staff members.

Satellite System Enhances Hospital Staff Education

Late last year, Mercy Hospital installed the TelStar Satellite System at the hospital. The purpose of the system was to provide in-house seminars and workshops on current health care topics.

The program has been very successful. All of the departments in the hospital have used the system. Patti Walker, staff development, Mercy Hospital, said the system has allowed us to "access state-of-the-art health care right here in

our own facility, thereby reducing staff time spent away from the hospital attending educational seminars."

Future plans for the system include opening the system up to community use. Ms. Walker said this would require Mercy Hospital being certified as an official receiving site by either the American Hospital Association (AHA), or the Michigan Hospital Association (MHA). "Our goal is to serve the community with the best train-

ed staff and eventually increase the utilization of the system by extending the program to the community," she said.

The system is capable of receiving educational programs anywhere in the United States. The system can receive some entertaining channels as well, however, this is not the intended use of the system, said Kip Papendick, director of maintenance. "Our system will strictly be confined to educational programming," he said.

Births at Mercy Increase 28 Percent

There were 284 babies born at Mercy Hospital in calendar year 1984. That's an increase of 61 newborns or 28 percent over the previous year.

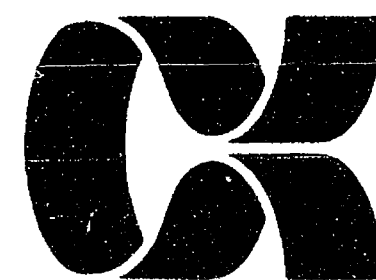
The administration of Mercy Hospital cite the addition of Brian Fox, M.D. and David Rivera, M.D., both obstetricians/gynecologists, as instrumental in raising OB admissions. Also cited were the addi-

tion of the birthing room, the prenatal and postnatal classes offered and the redecorating of the unit as other reasons the census has increased. Much of the success of the department can be attributed to the OB condition team which is chaired by Charles Gosling, M.D.

Over half of the births at Mercy now are in the birthing room. The birthing

room is equipped with a special bed allowing the patient to labor and deliver in the same bed. New mothers are permitted to have their baby with them as much as they wish.

Other improvements include candlelight dinners and flexible visitation rules that allow older brothers and sisters to visit the new addition to the family while mom is still at the hospital.



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New Ambulatory Surgery Program Is Successful

Mercy Hospital has one of the finest ambulatory surgery programs in Michigan. The hospital has performed over 600 surgeries under the program since its inception a year ago without a single problem.

The one day surgery program allows the patient to have surgery and go home the same day. According to Kathy Parkinson, RN, ambulatory surgery nurse, surgeries are being performed in orthopedics, diagnostic, gynecological, ophthalmological and general surgery areas.

The program has resulted in an increase in surgical procedures at the

hospital. Mrs. Parkinson said the surgery department at Mercy Hospital has grown by 25 percent in the last year and "I expect to see an even larger growth in the program over the next year," she said.

Mrs. Parkinson said one of the reasons the program has been so successful is because of the personal touch patients receive.

"It's rewarding for me, and beneficial to the patient to have a single nurse follow them through their entire operation. I'm with them from the time they enter the hospital until they leave, and I even call them at home the next day to make sure everything is going well," Kathy says.



Kathy Parkinson, ambulatory surgery nurse and coordinator of the program, calls every surgery patient at home the following day after surgery to make sure there are no problems and the patient is familiar with the guidelines given to them by their physician.

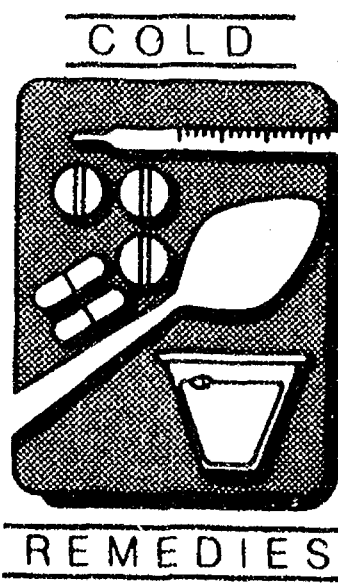
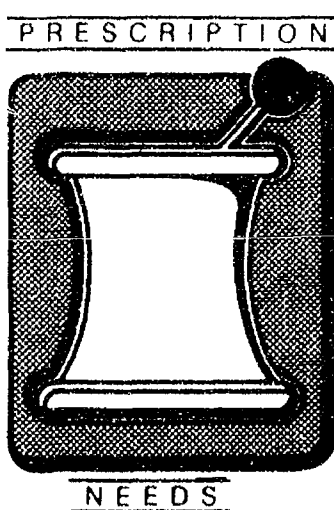
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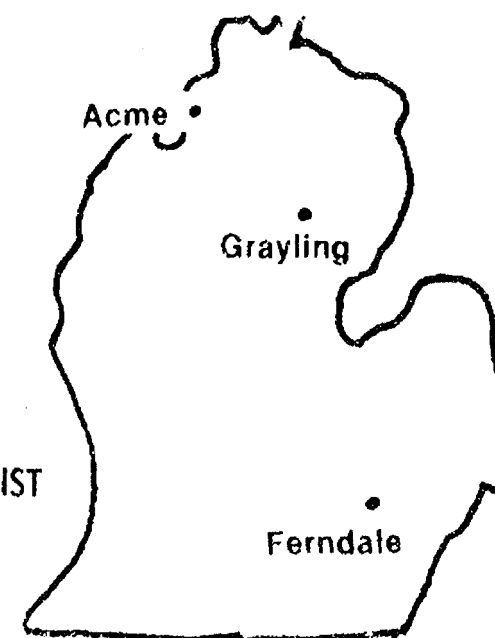
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Watching Skilled Surgeon is Inspirational

By Deryl Holmes
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Watching an artist painting on a street corner, or gazing hypnotically at a glassblower as he skillfully molds molten glass into beautifully shaped articles, are experiences most of us have had. There is something inspirational about watching a skilled pro-

weak-stomached person by nature, it was certainly no treat the first time I was present at a surgical procedure.

At approximately 2 p.m. on a Wednesday afternoon, I received a phone call in my office from the surgical head nurse. "We are going to do a vascular surgery this afternoon, would you like to take a few photo-

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fessional at work.

Watching a surgeon at work is a sight few have the privilege of observing. Many people would not consider it a special treat to witness a surgical procedure. Being a squeamish,

graphs of the procedure for us," said the voice. My immediate reaction was to think of an excuse to avoid revealing to the world my weak constitution. After stumbling through three or four poor ones, I agreed.

Philosophy

The Philosophy of Mercy Hospital, Cadillac and Grayling, is:

Inspired by Christ Jesus and by the example of Catherine McAuley, we of the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation, participating in the healing mission of the Roman Catholic Church and mindful of our common bond with all persons of good will, affirm our commitment to serve our community - especially the poor, the ill, the disabled. In our works, we affirm the dignity and value of each person. Within the limits of our resources, we dedicate our efforts to aid all persons in their striving for human wholeness - physically, psychologically, socially, and spiritually.

We acknowledge that every person has a basic human right to needed health care; we further commit ourselves to attainment of needed health care as a social right. We commit our efforts to promote, preserve, protect and restore wellness wherever we are able. By health we understand not simply release from suffering and pain, but also the development of human life: within the individual, among individuals and within social structures.

We embrace the opportunity to extend compassionate service, especially to the suffering, the lonely, the marginal and the poor. We acknowledge sickness, suffering and death as integral aspects of human life and as possible occasions of experiencing God's presence. In these moments we strive to offer hope, healing and peace.

We pledge ourselves to these values and beliefs: we commit ourselves continually to seek out ways of embodying Christian values in our attitudes, services and care.

Adopted January 12, 1984
Mercy Hospital, Cadillac

Adopted June 5, 1984
Mercy Hospital, Grayling

Mission

The mission of Mercy Hospital Grayling is:

Based on the beliefs as stated in our philosophy, Mercy Hospital shall provide high quality health care services to the communities it serves. Mercy Hospital shall identify and render these services promoting quality, continuity, accessibility and cost effectiveness in order to enhance the quality of life in an effort to aid all persons in achieving human wholeness.

Adopted June 5, 1984.

Few experiences in my life matched what I witnessed.

I grabbed my camera and two rolls of film and started for the elevator. My hands were shaking as I tried to load the camera. I hurried to the locker room and changed into a scrub suit before entering the surgical area.

As I stepped into the corridor outside of the surgical suite, I was met by the head nurse, Dennis Borowiak. He pointed me in the right direction and left me alone to put on my mask and enter the suite.

The operation was not yet underway. One of the surgeons explained the patient had severe clotting in the leg and surgery was necessary to clear the ar-

tery. Sensing I was a bit squeamish and a likely candidate to faint, the doctor directed me to a stool in the corner behind him, explaining that as soon as he had exposed the artery, he would have me take a few photographs.

It was then that I began to appreciate the skillful, deliberate movements of a surgeon at work. He was very cautious, but moved with confidence. I was impressed with the skillful way he handled the scalpel.

His skill was only matched by his compassion for the patient. The procedure was being done under a local anesthetic and the patient was not fully sedated. Several times

during the procedure the surgeon inquired about the patient's vital signs and if there was any indication the patient was feeling pain. Each time the anesthetist responded that vitals were stable and there was no indication of pain.

After exposing the artery, the surgeon asked me to photograph the exposed vessel. "Notice the artery

patient's hip, down to near the patient's ankle.

As I continued to observe and photograph the operation, I became less tense. I was caught up in the skill of the surgeon, and marveled at the coolness he displayed.

When he had the artery cleared, he carefully sutured the incision in the artery and removed the clamps that closed off the

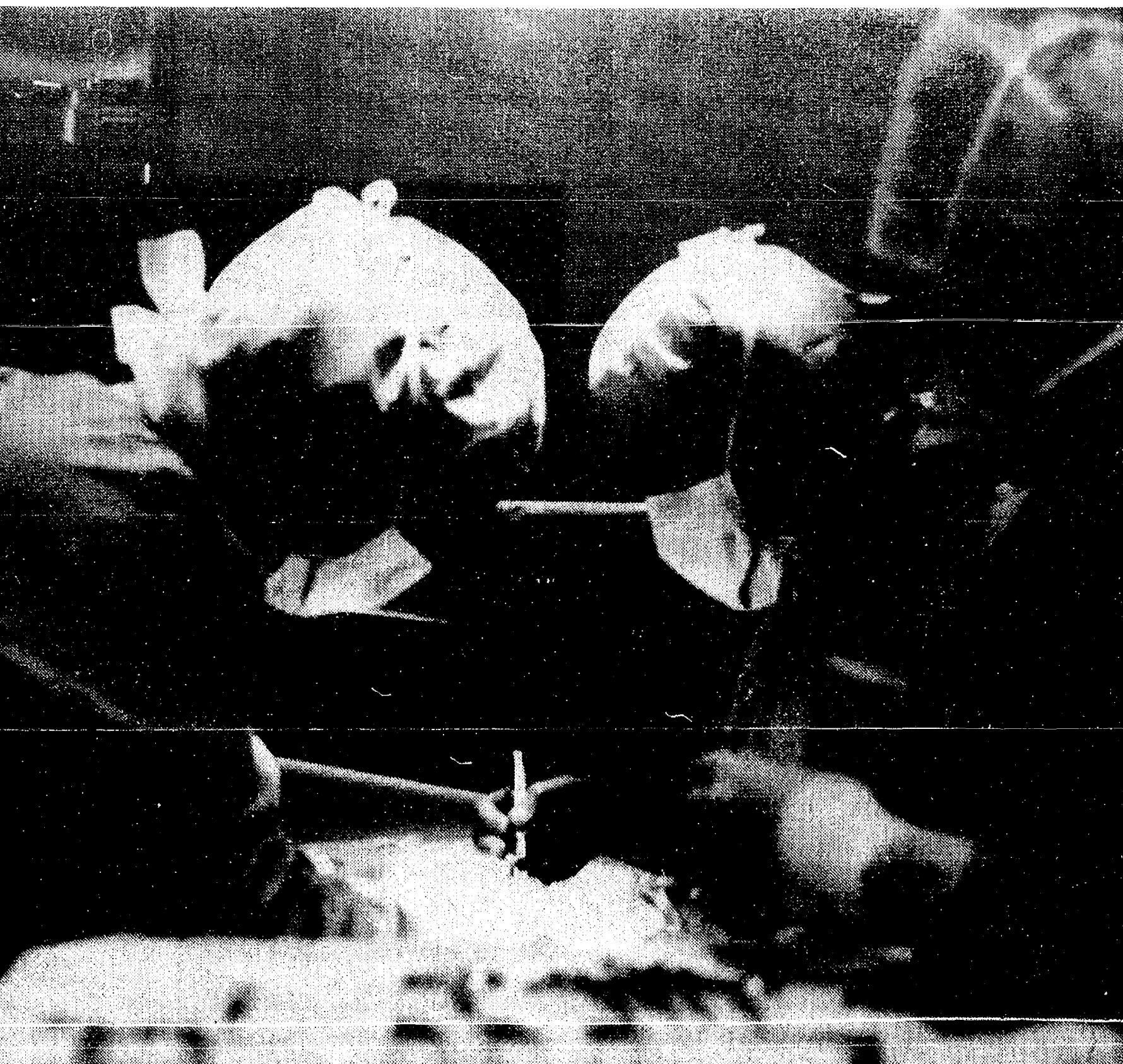
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is not moving," he said, "this is an indication the blockage is total."

As I watched, he made a small incision in the artery. From the opening, you could see part of the blood clot that was clogging the vessel. Very carefully he began removing blood clots and plaque from the artery. Using a catheterizing instrument, the doctor removed debris from the artery several inches above the incision, at the

blood flow. I watched as the blood began to flow through the artery. It took three hours to repair the diseased artery. It was gratifying to see the artery pulsating and functioning in a normal manner.

Few experiences in my life matched what I witnessed. I came away with an appreciation for the skill of a truly fine surgeon and with a greater appreciation for the beauty of God's creation, the human body.



Dr. Rasi (left) and Dr. Ramaswamy, general surgeons, perform delicate surgery at Mercy Hospital.

Mercy Hospital Offers Cataract Surgery On Out-Patient Program

An individual who develops cataracts sees his or her world slowly dimming. It's not an overnight process, but a progressive condition that worsens over the months and years. It can happen in one eye, or simultaneously invade both eyes.

The eye is a delicate organ. A mere speck or minute particle in the eye can cause excruciating pain and hours of discomfort. Even eye drops or a simple eye examination can cause some discomfort. Little wonder cataract victims often delay surgery, or refuse to have it all together.

William R. Eppler, M.D.

at the hospital in developing the eye surgery program. Mercy Hospital now has the latest available equipment and technology to perform eye surgery. Dr. Eppler is doing six cases a month at Mercy, most on an out-patient basis, and expects to substantially increase his case-load over the next few months. He has opened offices in the Milltown Medical Clinic adjacent to the offices of Robert L. Halter, D.O. and John Thiel, D.O.

Most cataract surgeries involve implanting a synthetic interocular lens in the place of the diseased

surgery talk about their experience. They all mention how little pain there is and how great it is to go home the same day of surgery. One woman said the only sensation she felt was the slight discomfort similar to having an eyelash in her eye... "there isn't any pain," she said.

Dr. Eppler explains in the tape that the uncomfortable sensation in the eye following the surgery is caused by swelling and it usually subsides in a day or two. Total healing takes approximately six to eight weeks, he said, at which time patients are given an eye examination and fitted for glasses, if necessary.

"Patients are always surprised by the ease of the operation," Dr. Eppler said. "When I tell my patients how quickly the surgery is completed, how soon they can go home, how much improved their vision will be and that there is very little pain, they almost don't believe me," he said. What's more appealing, is that in most cases their insurance covers the entire bill (most insurances do). He said that Medicare patients

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ophthalmologist on staff at Mercy Hospital, suggests that people often wait too long before electing to have cataract surgery. Dr. Eppler advises surgery for his patients when the condition begins to "affect their daily lives." Until just recently, patients waited until they lost their vision entirely; now we know waiting too long can cause complication that can impede the success of the operation, he said.

Cataract surgery is 98 percent successful in restoring vision, according to Dr. Eppler. The operation can be done on an outpatient basis, and the individual can be back at home the same day resuming normal activity.

Dr. Eppler has 20 years experience as an eye surgeon. He received his medical degree from Wayne State University and served his residency at the Kresge Eye Institute, and Detroit Receiving Hospital. He is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Eppler started doing cataract surgery in September of 1984 at Mercy Hospital. Over \$30,000 worth of equipment was added to the surgery department

lens. The surgery itself requires making a small incision in the eye, removing the damaged lens and implanting the new one. Dr. Eppler pre-

They go home the same day and can rest in their own bed and be cared for by family.

dicts that by the end of the decade all cataract surgery will include the intraocular lens implant.

Dr. Eppler has a 15 - minute video tape he shows to all of his patients prior to surgery. On tape, he explains the process using a model of an eye.

Following his explanation of the surgery, a few of his most recent patients who have had the

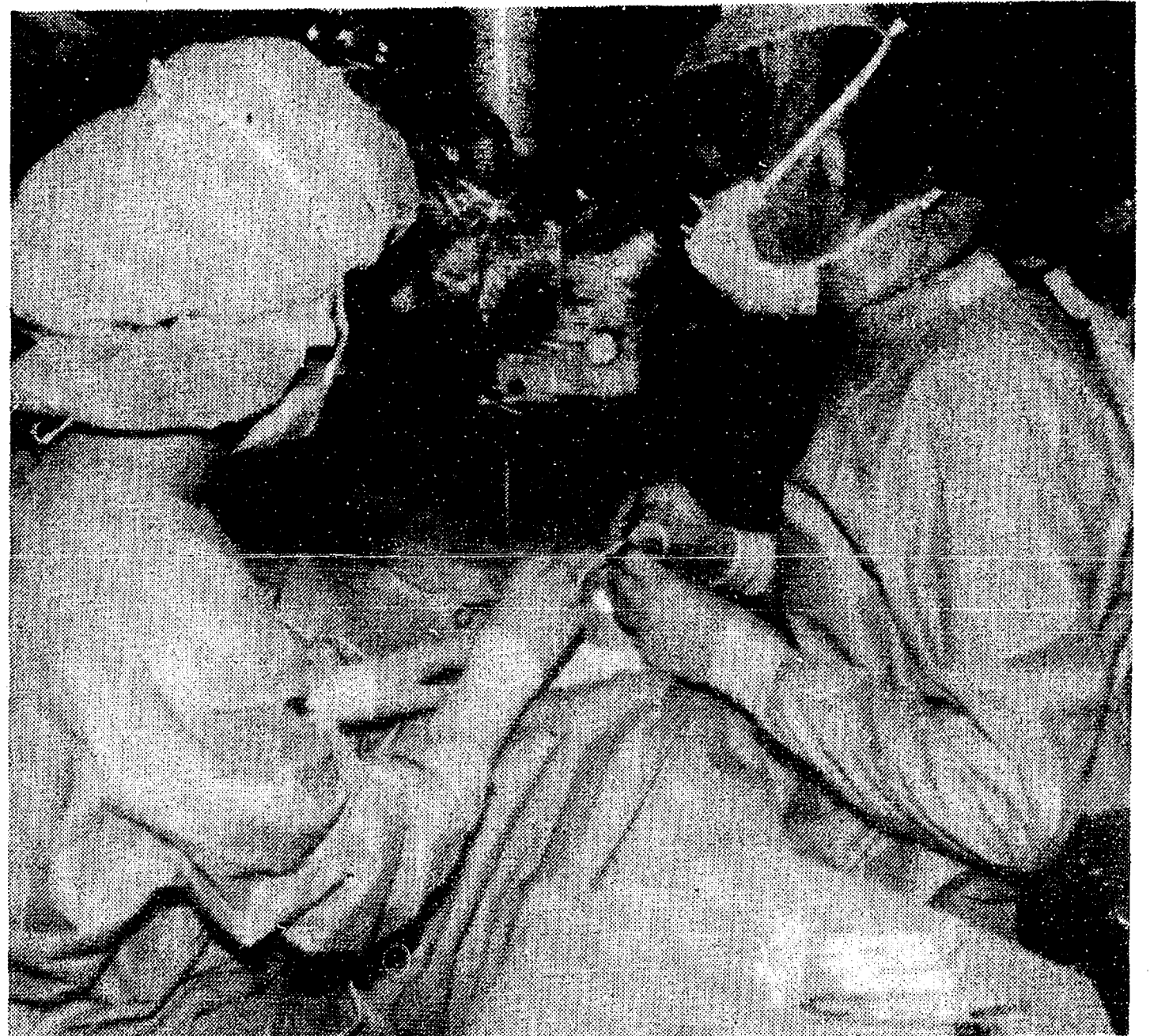
receive full reimbursement, including follow-up examinations, and glasses if required.

For patients living in the Mercy Hospital service area, it's comforting to know they are close to home and their loved ones when they have surgery. They go home the same day and can rest in their own bed and be cared for by family.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

One in Four Michigan adults has high blood pressure, which can be a symptom of serious cardiovascular problems.

Mercy Hospital offers blood pressure screening the 4th Monday of every month in the lobby of the hospital:



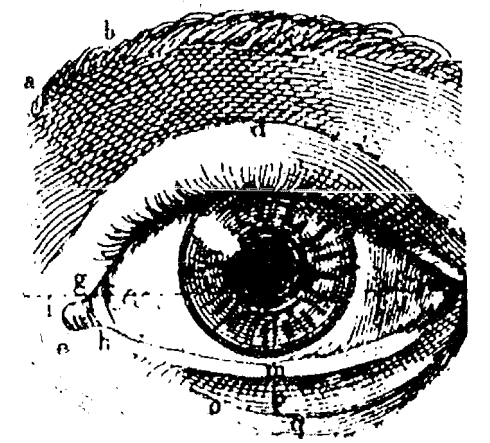
Dr. William Eppler performs cataract surgery with surgical microscope. Mercy Hospital added extensive equipment to the surgical department making eye surgery at Mercy state of the art.

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